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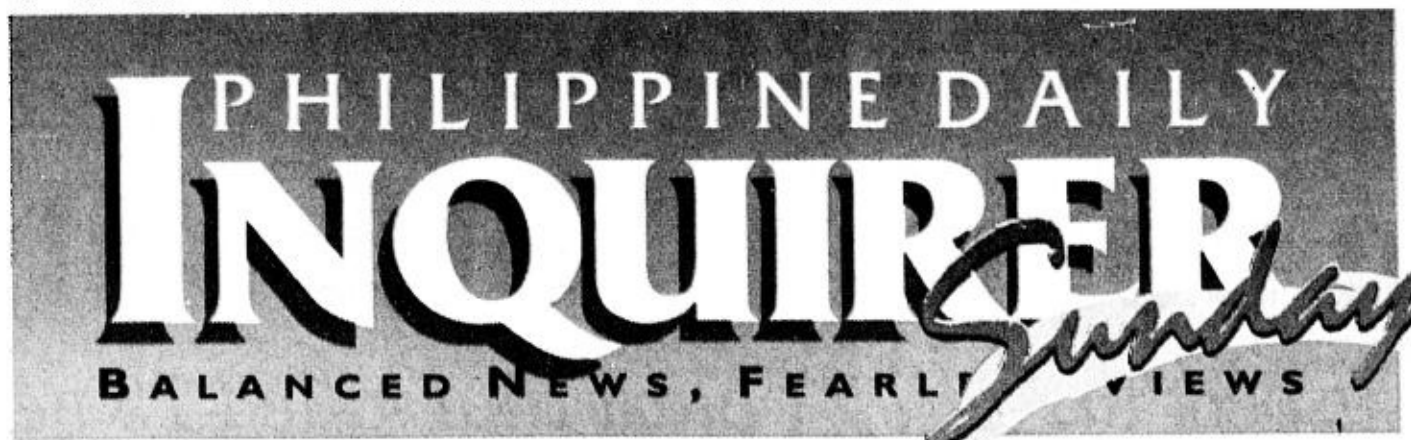
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Usman main suspect in April 21 blast that killed 15 people

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ALABEL, Sarangani—The Central Mindanao Police has launched a massive manhunt to recapture Abdul Basit Usman, main suspect in the bomb blast that killed 15 people and wounded 60 others in General Santos City last April 21.

Usman, an alleged explosives expert believed to have planted the powerful bomb outside the GenSan Fitmart mall, was reported missing from his detention cell inside the Sarangani Provincial

Police Command in Kawayan, Alabel at around 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday.

Chief Supt. Jose Dalumpines, police chief for Central Mindanao, would not say why the escape was not announced until Saturday. Sarangani police led by Chief Insp. Aucelyto Cabang yesterday scoured Barangay Lapo in Polomolok, South Cotabato, where Usman, 28, grew up. The fugitive's relatives told media men they hadn't seen him since the escape.

Also known as Abu Ahmad, Usman is reportedly an Abu Sayyaf Group demolition man trained in Indonesia.

He was captured by the Central Mindanao police Special Operations Group (SOG) on July 21 at the boundary of Barangay Kauran, Ampatuan town in Maguindanao and Esperanza town in

Sultan Kudarat. Seized from him were a .45 caliber pistol, several rounds of ammunition, and explosives used for making improvised bombs.

The arresting team was led by Supt. Willie Dangane, now acting Sarangani police provincial director.

Usman was flown to Manila for presentation to President Macapagal-Arroyo shortly after, and then brought back to Sarangani. He was put under the protective custody of the 1206th Provincial Mobile Group (PMG).

According to the police report, Usman "could not be accounted for during routine inspection" in the morning of Oct. 23. He was last seen washing dirty clothes behind the barracks, the report said.

At the time of his escape, Usman was reportedly awaiting court orders committing him to a regular jail of the Bureau of Jail

Management and Penology in the province. He is facing charges for multiple murder for the April 21 bombing allegedly carried out by the Abu Muslim group, a local gang with links to the Abu Sayyaf.

The kidnap gang's members are the main suspects in the recent bombings in Zamboanga City, which have claimed 12 lives. However, the GenSan bombing is believed to have been part of an extortion scheme.

Usman is also a suspect in the bomb blast in Tacurong City Fitmart last March 4, as well as in a grenade-throwing incident at the mosque in Lote, Calumpang, General Santos a few years ago.

Dangane has directed police officers on duty during Usman's escape to explain, in the light of a memorandum he issued less than two weeks ago ordering tighter security on Usman.

Dalumpines vowed, "Heads will roll." With TJ Burgonio and a report from AFP

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THE PHILIPPINES and the United States must hold further discussions on enhanced US spy-plane flights over this country, Presidential Spokesperson Rigoberto Tiglao said yesterday.

"It's still just offers. The details would have to be agreed upon by the Philippines and the US (before) the announcement," said Tiglao.

Any additions to the current US overflights would have to be cleared with local officials, he added.

Tiglao's remarks were in response to an offer by Admiral Thomas Fargo, head of US forces in the Pacific, to help boost Philippine intelligence-gathering capabilities by increasing US "overhead flights." Fargo made the offer in a meeting with President Macapagal-Arroyo in Hawaii.

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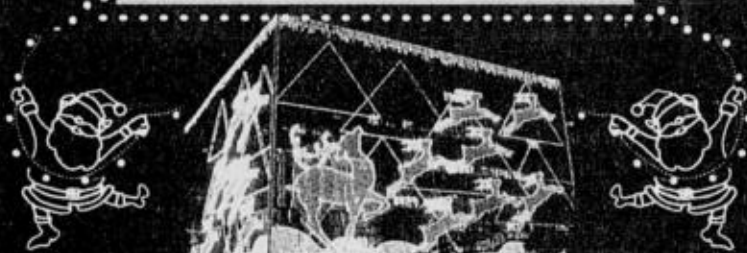
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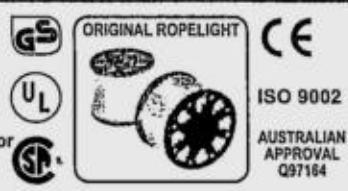
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The bomb, made of a clock, batteries and an unknown explosive, went off in the second floor bathroom of the Philippine College of Science and Technology in Calasiao town, regional police chief Senior Supt. Arturo Lomibao said.

The students, who were taking their exams at the time, were herded out safely.

This came as authorities reported a bomb had detonated in a bus station in Surigao City on Friday creating more nervousness in a country distressed by bomb scares.

Separate blasts have killed 10 people and wounded almost 200 in the past two weeks.

Surigao City police said they detonated a bomb found in a backpack that was left inside the ticket booth of a bus station.

Surigao City is one of the places in Mindanao that has so far been spared from violence triggered by Moro rebels operating in the region.

"I'm calling on residents of Surigao to stay calm, but they should continue to be vigilant and help authorities," Surigao City Mayor Alfonso Casurra said on local radio. Reuters and AFP

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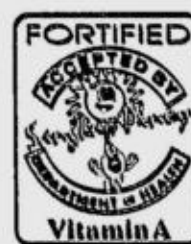
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Palace assures German firm on Naia 3

By Carlito Pablo

MALACANANG yesterday assured the German firm Fraport AG that its interests will be considered in the settlement of the dispute over the build-operate-transfer contract for the construction of Terminal 3 of the Ninoy Aquino International Airport.

Presidential spokesperson Rigoberto Tiglao made the assurance following reports that the

German firm may sue the Philippine government if it is left out in the resolution of the dispute.

"We regret such a statement from the German company. The administration is doing all it can to have this airport terminal be completed and launched, and at the same time, to clear it of any possible anomaly," Tiglao said.

Tiglao said that President Macapagal-Arroyo has in fact designated Executive Secretary Alberto Romulo and chief legal counsel

Avelino Cruz "to monitor closely" developments related to the contract.

Fraport AG owns 30 percent of the Philippine Air Terminals Co., a consortium controlled by the Cheng family who won the contract to build Terminal 3. Japan's Nisho Iwai has a 10 percent stake in the project. Fraport AG has reportedly poured \$380 million into the construction of the airport facility.

Gloria Tan Climaco, presidential adviser for strategic projects, earlier said that the contract was riddled with provisions disadvantageous to both government and air commuters.

Tiglao could not say how the renegotiation of the contract is faring.

"We very much respect the considerations of the German company," he said. "We would have to discuss first exactly what they intend to do and we hope there could be a settlement."

With Reuters report

6 die in Cavite shootout

By TJ Burgonio

POLICE are hunting two brothers involved in a shootout that left six persons dead, including their two brothers and two policemen in Rosario, Cavite on Friday night.

Jimmy Convento and his brother Gilbert fled after shooting it out and killing two agents of the Criminal Investigation and Detection Group and a neighbor in Barangay Ligton around 6:30 p.m. Friday, police said.

The sixth fatality was a seven-year-old girl.

"They're now being hunted down," said Supt. Diosdado

Valeroso, chief investigator of the CIDG.

Killed were the Conventos brothers, Ligton barangay chair Larry, 42, and Sonny, 38; SPO1 Gerardo Concha, 52; PO3 Ernesto Baybay Jr., former Ligton barangay chair Rominio Voluntad, 52; and Monriel Vilestas, 7.

Chief Supt. Eduardo Matilano, CIDG director, said political rivalry between barangay chair Larry Convento, and his predecessor, Voluntad, could have triggered the shootout.

"There was an old grudge between the two," he said, noting that the policemen and the Convento brothers were neighbors.

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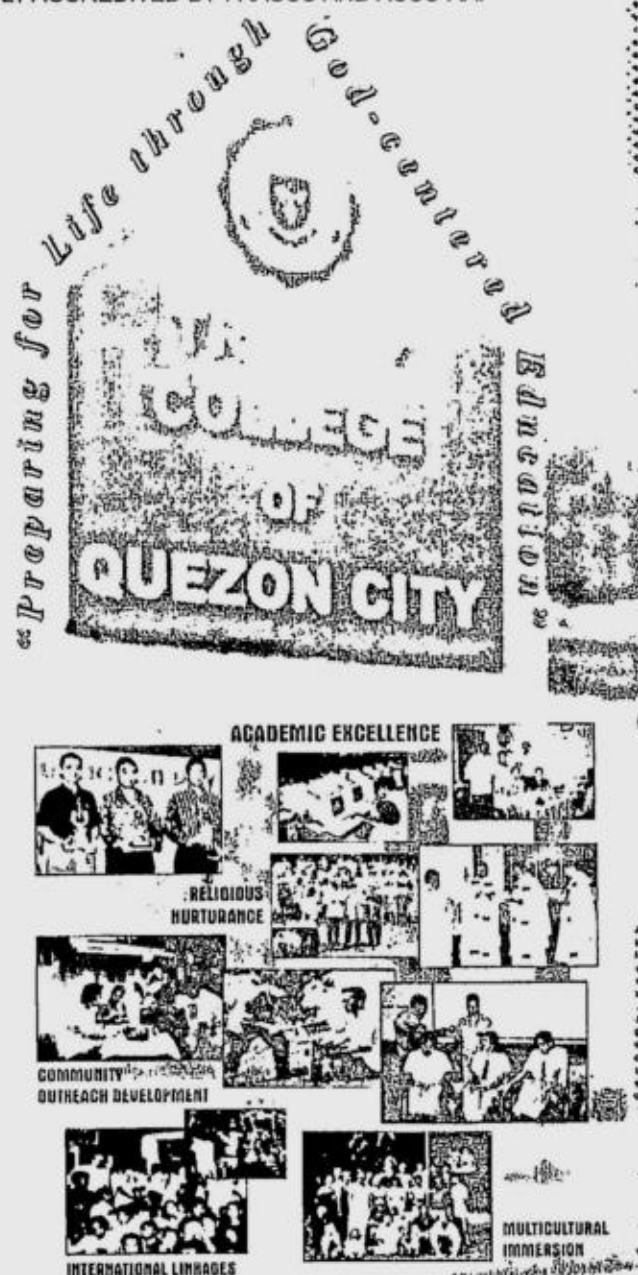
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2 killed in karaoke bombing

TWO people were killed and seven injured after a disgruntled customer hurled a bomb into a karaoke bar in northern Luzon, the national police spokesperson said Saturday.

Senior Superintendent Leopoldo Bataoil said the incident was not a case of terrorism unlike the spate of bomb blasts in Zamboanga City and in metropolitan Manila which have killed 15 people this month.

The suspect, named Joey Sibayan, hurled an improvised bomb into a karaoke bar in La Union province late Friday, Bataoil said.

Sibayan was angry after the karaoke bar ignored his demands for a refund for beer he had not consumed, Bataoil added.

The suspect has been arrested and will

face criminal charges, he said.

The incident came as the Philippines was on alert following the

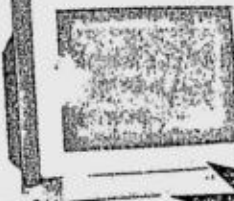
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BEST OVERALL PERFORMING COMMISSIONED COLLECTOR
BEST PERFORMING COMMISSIONED COLLECTOR - GMT
4th PLACE - NEW SALES CONTRIBUTOR
3rd PLACE - CBI CONTRIBUTION
LIMAY T. DE LEON, Family Counselor / Collector
- GREATER MANILA TERRITORY
- REGION 2



BEST PERFORMING COMMISSIONED COLLECTOR - NLT
CORAZON C. PAGAOA
- NORTH LUZON TERRITORY
- REGION 1



BEST PERFORMING COMMISSIONED COLLECTOR - SLT
MICHAEL B. RAMOS
- SOUTH LUZON TERRITORY
- REGION 2



BEST PERFORMING COMMISSIONED COLLECTOR - VST
FELOMINA S. CABILI
- VISAYAS TERRITORY
- REGION 1



BEST PERFORMING COMMISSIONED COLLECTOR - MDT
CORAZON AZARCON
- MINDANAO TERRITORY
- REGION 3



MARKETING SUPERVISOR CATEGORY

BEST OVERALL PERFORMING MARKETING SUPERVISOR
3rd PLACE - NEW SALES CONTRIBUTOR
2nd PLACE - CBI CONTRIBUTION
MIRIAM P. ALPAS
- MINDANAO TERRITORY
- REGION 2



HIGHEST NEW SALES CONTRIBUTOR
MARICEL L. MARCO
- SOUTH LUZON TERRITORY
- REGION 4



2nd PLACE - NEW SALES CONTRIBUTOR
4th PLACE - CBI CONTRIBUTION
MARLON P. CASTILLON
- MINDANAO TERRITORY
- REGION 2



4th PLACE - NEW SALES CONTRIBUTOR
3rd PLACE - CBI CONTRIBUTION
ESTELA VICTORIA P. DECAL
- SOUTH LUZON TERRITORY
- REGION 3



5th PLACE - NEW SALES CONTRIBUTOR
HIGHEST CBI CONTRIBUTION
CECILIA J. PLANAS, Marketing Supervisor
- VISAYAS TERRITORY
- REGION 2



5th PLACE - CBI CONTRIBUTION
AIDA B. ARTIAGA, Marketing Supervisor
- VISAYAS TERRITORY
- REGION 3



FAMILY COUNSELOR CATEGORY

BEST OVERALL PERFORMING FAMILY COUNSELOR
HIGHEST NEW SALES CONTRIBUTOR
HIGHEST CBI CONTRIBUTION
JONATHAN SALVADOR
- MINDANAO TERRITORY
- REGION 3



2nd PLACE - NEW SALES CONTRIBUTOR
4th PLACE - CBI CONTRIBUTION
DANILO GALVAROLE
- MINDANAO TERRITORY
- REGION 3



3rd PLACE - NEW SALES CONTRIBUTOR
ROMEO NAPOLES
- MINDANAO TERRITORY
- REGION 2



5th PLACE - NEW SALES CONTRIBUTOR
2nd PLACE - CBI CONTRIBUTION
EDNA AMPODIA
- MINDANAO TERRITORY
- REGION 2



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'Town hall meeting' for Gloria in LA

By Leah Makabenta

LOS ANGELES—It looked like an election rally not for the US state polls that are being held here in two weeks, but for one in another country thousands of miles and 18 months away.

Addressing a "town hall meeting" at the Westin Hotel of the Filipino community here yesterday, President Macapagal-Arroyo vowed to sign into law within 24 hours the absentee voting bill once the Senate and the House reconciled their contradictory versions.

She also announced that even though she was preoccupied with fighting terrorism at home, her work program for the next six months would be focused on revving up the economy.

"There are many uphill fights that we have to make and one of these is the economy back home," she said.

She said the program would be anchored on building a strong domestic market.

One of the measures that has been adopted to pump-prime the economy is the "one town, one product, one million peso" loan program aimed at strengthening the small and medium industries, particularly in the countryside.

Ms Macapagal made a brief stopover in LA en route to the two-day summit of leaders of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum which convenes tomorrow in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico.

An estimated 1,200 people crowded the Westin ballroom which was filled with red, white and blue star-spangled balloons emphasizing the dual allegiances of those present. Speeches made frequent references to "our country, the Philippines," "our President" and "our adopted country, the United States."

The Filipino community in Southern California—conservatively estimated at 641,000 but thought to be close to a million—comprise the biggest concentration of Filipinos in the United States, maybe even the world, said Marciano Paynor, the Philippine consul-general in LA.

An elated Ms Macapagal said the overseas Filipinos should be called "overseas Filipino investors" because they are the biggest investors in the Philippines.

Lawmakers slash Malacañang intelligence fund

By Juliet L. Javellana

WHY Malacañang gave half of the government's P1.2 billion intelligence budget to the Presidential Anti-Organized Crime Commission (PAOCC) remains a mystery, but members of the House appropriations committee have agreed to transfer the amount, over P500 million, to the military and police, which they felt needed—and deserved—it more.

The allocation for the PAOCC, an agency under the Office of the President, was discovered during a four-hour closed-door briefing on Friday night for the committee, which had sought an accounting of the intelligence activities and spending in the wake of the recent bombings in Zamboanga City and Metro Manila.

Described by sources as "highly-charged," the briefing was conducted by National Security Adviser Roilo Golez, Armed Forces Chief of Staff Gen. Benjamin Defensor Jr., Philippine National Police Chief Hermogenes Ebdane Jr., Interior Secretary Jose Lina, National Intelligence Coordinating Agency Director General Cesar P. Garcia Jr., and Deputy Executive Secretary Susan Vargas of the PAOCC.

Negros Oriental Rep. Jacinto Paras (Lakas) and Surigao del Sur Rep. Prospero Pichay, chair of the House defense committee, questioned the "lopsided" allocation and moved for its reduction, or PAOCC's outright abolition.

Paras said the agency, a "controversial" creation of the previous administration, merely duplicated the functions of the PNP. He said the motion to divest the PAOCC of its budget was "carried (by the committee) without objection."

But Paras said he could compromise, and leave P120 million with the agency. He said Malacañang should not object to the realignment if it is serious in improving intelligence gathering. With TJ Burgonio



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Dancers and freaks

THE POPULARITY of the Sex Bomb dancers—those women in various stages of undress who perform in the background in the “Eat Bulaga” noontime variety show—has come back to haunt them, and others like them who are caught up in the daily bump-and-grind.

In the last few months, they have drawn unusual attention from unlikely sources, including public officials and concerned citizens, all expressing outrage over the transformation of noontime TV into one giant men's club.

When the shows began featuring “Survivor”-inspired games that forced contestants to debase themselves for a few thousand pesos (by eating raw meat that was suggestively long, for example), the outrage grew.

But it was only early this month, when the country's largest advertising agency threatened producers with an ad pullout during a presentation to leading advertisers, media planners and the shows' representatives, that “Magandang Tanghali Bayan” on ABS-CBN and “Eat Bulaga” on GMA began a serious attempt at reformatting.

The news report on the McCann Erickson presentation described the findings of the agency's “quantitative analysis” thus: “Skimpily clad women gyrating to loud music, TV hosts' ad libs filled with sexual innuendo and games that subjected contestants to ridicule.”

“It is almost like a freak show,” said Venus Navalta, managing director of McCann's media placement affiliate.

“The worst assault is the violence (that this outrageous behavior inflicts on) our spirit,” said McCann Erickson chair Emily Abrera, “to make us feel there's no way that we might make some money without demeaning ourselves.”

The message to the producers was unambiguous: It may have taken some time, but advertisers had finally reached their limit on the variety programs' unvarying obscenity. The producers, we must note, have since proven themselves open to feedback and improvement. The truly distasteful segments in the shows have been dropped, and the dancers have made a few tailors and textile traders happy by putting on a few more square inches of fabric. But much remains to be done. (Dressing the dancers up, for instance, is to effectively defuse the “sex bomb,” which then leads to the question: What are they doing there in the first place?)

Contrary to the impression that may have been created, a decision like an ad pullout is not a simple matter, a unilateral act by an agency. The business and marketing objectives of various clients have to be taken into account. After all, a show with three million daily viewers is an attractive and cost-effective means to bring a message across, to cut through the clutter, as advertising professionals say. Thus, any decision to pull out any ad is really the product of consensus, advertisers allowing their agencies to take the drastic next step.

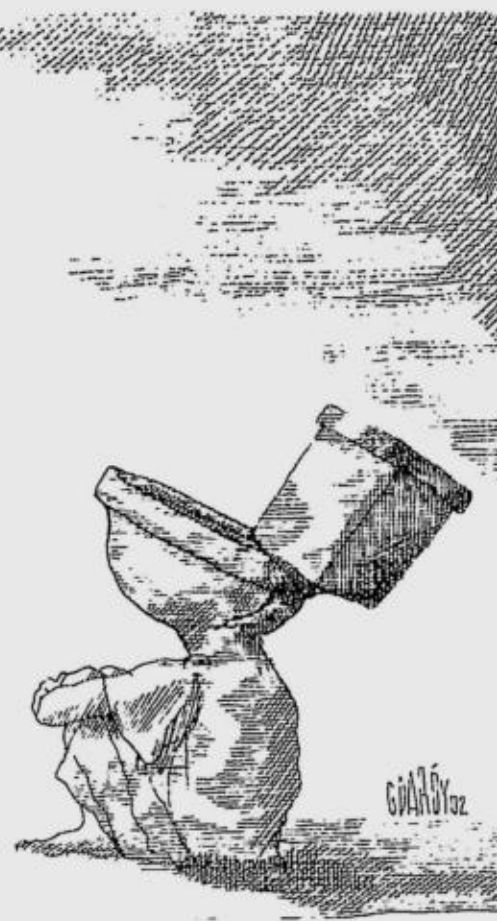
For this reason, we laud McCann and other like-minded agencies which have forced the issue. Now if they can only reach a similar consensus on the unconscionable overloading of commercials during high-profile television specials such as world boxing championships. Now that, truly, is another obscenity.

Machos and martyrs

THE POPULARITY of the Sex Bomb dancers tells us at least two things about ourselves. Ours is still very much a macho culture. And we remain a nation of martyrs.

A machismo-driven culture is measured by one criterion above all else: what can one get away with? A live show on noontime TV? Why not, if one can get away with it. Sexual banter that displays a host's wealth of experience at the expense of a fresh-faced wannabe? Why not, if one can get away with it.

In a nation perpetually short of money and long on patience, one can get away with many things. Does it matter that today's contestant has been offended by yet another tasteless sexual joke? There will be more contestants tomorrow, each one more willing to put up with indignity, each one a willing martyr, for a few thousand pesos and a few seconds on TV.



2004 forebodings

SEPARATE OPINION

Isagani A. Cruz



I HAD an interesting chat sometime ago with Sen. Edgardo J. Angara and Avelino Cruz, his partner at the ACCRA law office and my good friend, over the current political scene and the condition of our country in general. It was not a summit meeting or even only a serious exchange of views among concerned citizens but a mere private conversation of fellow lawyers.

The senator had just returned from an international conference in Canada on corruption and how to combat it. Seventy countries were represented. Angara related with some dismay that one of the speakers, an officer of the World Bank, described the seriousness and cost of corruption all over the world. Citing the Philippines as an example, she said that, over the last 20 years, corruption has cost our country more than the size of our foreign debt.

Angara could not deny the figures and had to confine himself to discussing the measures our government was taking to cope with the sticky problem. He could not have said that our present efforts have been successful so far because the daily headlines in our papers would have contradicted him. No less than a boulevard named after President Diosdado Macapagal is said to have been constructed at an overprice of P600 million, and his embarrassed daughter has asked the PEA directors to resign. Only this week, the Commission on Audit revealed that in 2001, the Department of Public Works and Highways spent the staggering amount of P500 million for vehicle repairs ordered daily, including Sundays and holidays.

What perplexes me is why the COA came upon this incredible discovery only in the latter half of 2002 despite its constitutional duty to prevent or disallow “irregular, unnecessary, excessive, extravagant or unconscionable expenditures or uses of government funds and properties.” Its own report shows that an average of 25 vehicle repairs were contracted daily

for P20,000 per job, and, worse, some of the repairs were fictitious or repetitive. All this happened under the nose of the COA resident representative, who has been reshuffled by the COA central office. Several DPWH officials and employees are now under suspension during their investigation.

A similar scandal was exposed this year in the Commission on Elections where its members had purchased seven brand-new cars for the total cost of P8.5 million, to be used by them in addition to two other vehicles already assigned to them. I wrote twice about this anomaly in this column, but the COA did nothing about it. This was because, as former COA Commissioner Bartolomé C. Fernandez Jr. deplored, the constitutional office where he served for decades, now does not pre-audit but only post-audits anomalous transactions, when the done deal can no longer be prevented or undone.

Coming back to Senator Angara, I asked him what had happened to the Lacson case, about which I had nagged the Senate for its decision, if only to avoid the waste of official time and public funds spent during the hearings. Sen. Joker P. Arroyo sent me a copy of the joint report and recommendation of the three Senate investigating committees, but this was shelved by the opposition during their brief taste of rump session power. The desertion of two of its members restored ascendancy to the administration group, but the Lacson case still

waits to be revived. Pity, for the people want to know whether Lacson is sinner or saint, especially now that he is being touted for President in 2004.

The presidential election of 2004 is full of forebodings. Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo is already campaigning with song and dance, TV commercials, and even street signs claiming public works in progress as her project. Raul Roco has already announced his own candidacy but has already lost a lot of support for inviting Fernando Poe Jr. to be his running mate. Poe himself is being coy but may eventually vie for top honcho himself, with Lacson or Sen. Tito Sotto as his *alalay*. Lacson may not be available as he probably thinks he is the best of them all like the Wicked Queen being assured by the Magic Mirror.

Of these candidates, Poe can count on the enthusiastic support of the *bakya* crowd, that mindless portion of the sovereign masses. Ms Gloria, with all her presidential powers, may still be her worst opponent because of her annoying self-advertisement that has debased her and her high office. Roco has the backing of the intelligentsia but will surely lose it if he persuades Poe to be his supporting actor, although this will surely be rejected by the King of Philippine Movies. Sotto is too small for his bristles and is good only as a political hitchhiker.

The opposition has a wonderful opportunity to install its candidate in Malacañang in 2004, but it can do this only if it does not insult its possible supporters by presenting them with a ticket they will refuse to accept. It's time to bar from the public service persons who will only dishonor and defile it. Morons and crooks have no right to govern our country. The opposition can do much in sanitizing our elections by removing those pernicious influences that have long envenomed the body politic.

To the max

MOMENTS

Fr. Jerry M. Orbos, SVD



remainder of his life. I was so edified by his humility and sincerity in his desire to really serve God and His people. For Bert, what matters most is not just fulfilling the law but loving the Giver of the law to the max.

“If I would be given the chance to say even just one Mass and then die, that would be enough for me.” These words of Bert touched me to the bones! Here is a humble man who has experienced God's love and forgiveness, and he is just grateful.

Are you living a grateful life? Are you going into the sunset grateful? Bert's life message is: Finish life grateful and happy, in spite of everything. Just throw yourself—filth, warts and all—into the loving arms of our loving Father.

These are tense and scary times we are living in. Anything can happen anytime. All the bombings and violence point to the fact that human life has become a cheap commodity nowadays. Now, more than ever, Christ's message of love of neighbor must ring out loud and clear to a world that has become so fragmented, angry, violent and selfish.

If there were extraterrestrials out there looking at us, they must be shaking their heads, wondering why we keep killing each other.

Let us continue to pray and work for peace in the Philippines and in the world. Let us pray that those who plan, finance and carry out violence will have a change of heart.

As we remember, pray and pay our respects to our departed relatives and friends this week, let us be reminded again that life is

short. We are all just passing by. Let us live meaningful lives. Let us give peace a chance. And let us love our neighbors. We don't need more bombs. We need more love.

To those who are involved in pushing their personal temporal agenda at the expense of other people's lives, remember that it profits you nothing if you gain the whole world and in the end lose your soul. Listen to the dead: *May araw din kayo*. You too will have your day.

Let us not lose heart. Let us continue praying and working for peace. Goodness will triumph in the end. God is in control. He will see us through.

I read these two poems somewhere, and I would like to share them with you:

Let Me Give

*I do not know how long I'll live.
But while I live, Lord,
let me give some comfort to someone in need,
by smile or nod—kind words or deed.
And let me do what e'er I can
to ease things for my fellow man.
I want naught but to do my part,
to "lift" a tired or weary heart,
to change folks' frowns to smiles again,
and then I will not have lived in vain.
And I'll not care how long I'll live
if I can give—and give—and give.*

What will happen tomorrow

*Do not look forward to what might happen tomorrow!
The same Everlasting Father who cares for you today
will take care of you tomorrow.
Either He will shield you from suffering,
or He will give you unfailing strength to bear it.
Be at peace then and put aside
all anxious thought and imaginations.*

A moment with the Lord:

Lord, don't let us give up on love, and let us continue to give peace a chance, to the max. Amen.

Politics and culture

COMMENTARY

Natalia M.L.M. Morales

VISITORS coming to our country for the first time have been trying hard to understand the role of culture in our politics and society. One forum conducted by the International Studies Society of the University of the Philippines recently led to some interesting unraveling of Filipino culture as seen by some objective observers—this time young Dutch participants in the AIESEC (International Association of Students in Business and Economic Sciences) ambassadors program of the Netherlands.

Afke Mulder of Erasmus University in Rotterdam and Anna Ketting of Ryk University in Groningen spoke at the forum on "World Peace and People Exchange." Afke is an Economics and International Law senior, while Anna is a Business Management major. The Philippines is one of the 10 countries the Netherlands has chosen for the ambassadors program. The selection of the Philippines as one of the host countries meant that the Philippines was regarded by the sponsors (Netherlands and AIESEC) to have a dynamic future ahead, and its large youth population supports this idea.

The Dutch exchange students used the study of Dutch scholar Geert Hofstede on management and planning in the business world. This model throws some light on Philippine politics as well.

Derived mainly from a research on values in the early 1980s, the respondents were employees of large multinational business enterprises in 67 countries. Hofstede devoted at least 15 years on this multi-national and cross-cultural project.

The study identified four basic "poles" in various cultural systems. The first pole concerns the individual versus the collective—the "I" or "we" mind-set. Individuals who take care of themselves and their immediate families are restrictive. Shared ideas and mutual or in-group care

with deep loyalty are collective traits. This pole contrasts independence and interdependence. A high score indicates an individualistic streak, while a low score reveals a collectivist bent. The result for the Philippines is a low 32—demonstrating once more our *bayanihan* spirit—as against 80 for the Netherlands and 91 for the United States, which are known for their individualist culture.

The second pole compares the masculine versus feminine views. The masculine perspective values achievement, heroism, assertiveness and material success, while the feminine goes for relationships, modesty, a nurturing spirit and quality of life. The Philippines has a relative masculine index of 64, way above the Netherlands' 14 but just two points higher than the United States' 62. The Philippines leans toward a masculine mode. Could this explain why "machismo" seems to be admired by our people? Welfare-oriented countries like the Netherlands, Norway and Sweden have lower scores. How this score is reflected in the poverty-alleviation program of our government would be worth examining.

Most revealing is the large versus small "power distance" pole. "Power distance" refers to a society's acceptance of an unequal power distribution. People in large power distance countries accept a hierarchy in which everybody has a well-defined place in society that cannot be questioned. On the other hand people in small power distance countries strive for equality and demand

justification for any inequality.

The basic issue here is how a society handles inequalities among people when they occur. This has meaning for the way people build their institutions and organizations. Great Britain has a low power distance index of 12, the Netherlands has 38, and the United States, 40. In this index, the Philippines scores a high 94.

For sure, some adjustments will have to be made in this rating since the data base came from the early 1980s. After two Edsa people power uprisings, the Philippines should now have a much lower "power distance" index.

The fourth pole measures uncertainty avoidance. This is a gauge of how the members of society feel uncomfortable with uncertainty and ambiguity. Societies with high scores tend to be conformist and intolerant of unconventional ideas and independent personalities. A low score indicates a more relaxed attitude where practice is valued more than rigid rules.

Despite our famous *bahala na* attitude and *mañana* habit, the Philippine score of 44 did not differ much from those of strong-willed societies like the United States (46), the Netherlands (53) and Australia (51).

Culture certainly defines a society. The way our people do things, whether they are bureaucrats, diplomats, fishermen or patriots, cannot be taken lightly because it shows what kind of people we really are.

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More than just a pill

AT LARGE

Rina Jimenez-David



BANGKOK—On our first night in this city, we decide to visit the night market in Patpong. Passing by a small drugstore, we decide to see if we can buy a packet of Postinor, a brand of hormonal pills used for emergency contraception. We are, after all, taking part in the "Southeast Asian Workshop on Strategies to Promote Access to Emergency Contraception."

Sure enough, we were able to buy Postinor and a packet of pills going by another brand-name off-the-counter for the relatively cheap price of 37 baht and 35 baht, respectively. No questions asked, but no instructions offered, either.

This is both an exciting and disturbing discovery for us Filipinas, since in our country even ordinary oral contraceptive pills cannot be dispensed without a prescription (by law, at least), and Postinor has been "de-listed" or banned by the Bureau of Food and Drugs (BFAD). Women's groups and other reproductive health advocates, banding together under the banner of the Reproductive Health Advocacy Network (RHAN), are engaged in a legal and political battle to get the BFAD and the Department of Health to re-consider the ban on Postinor. Arguments range from the "secretive" and non-inclusive manner by which the decision to ban Postinor was arrived at, and the erroneous and unscientific conclusion that Postinor causes abortion.

But while Filipino reproductive health advocates are fighting to make emergency contraception as readily available to Filipinas as it is to Thai women, it's also rather disturbing to note that little by way of information or education about emergency contraception is given to women in Thailand who avail themselves of it. Shouldn't women accessing emergency contraception be told how it works, what possible side effects may occur, and what their alternatives are for long-term protection against pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections?

IF there is one thing we've learned from the workshop (it would have ended by the time you read this), it's that the political, social and even cultural conditions of countries in the re-

gion vary widely and thus the issues surrounding emergency contraception in each of these countries are just as diverse.

Emergency contraception is as old as the "pill." But while medical authorities have known for almost 40 years that a high dosage of hormones used in contraceptive pills could be used to prevent pregnancy after unprotected intercourse, only recently has this knowledge been passed on to women. "Doctors either didn't know about it or didn't approve of the pill's use for this purpose," said Angeles Cabria of the Pacific Institute for Women's Health in her presentation on "Integrating Emergency Contraception into Women's Reproductive Health Services." Only in 1995 was the International Consortium for Emergency Contraception founded, a "strange alliance," quipped Cabria, of government officials, non-government groups, medical professionals, pharmaceutical companies, health researchers and international funders—"people who would not normally even want to sit together on the same bus."

WHY is there need for a multi-sectoral and global alliance to promote access to emergency contraception?

Cabria says it's because emergency contraception is a critical issue for women for several reasons. First, reducing unintended pregnancy is one of the highest priorities of women worldwide. Second, EC has the potential for preventing a large number of unsafe abortions, which is one of the main causes of maternal deaths in the world. Third, EC is the only method that prevents pregnancy after (unprotected) sexual intercourse. And fourth, EC is an essential tool for

women to prevent a pregnancy after rape.

At the moment, there are two ways of using contraceptive pills for emergency contraception. One is through taking "dedicated" EC pills (Postinor is just one brand name) that come two to a packet, within 72 hours or three days after unprotected intercourse. The other is by taking large doses of ordinary contraceptive pills (the doses vary from brand to brand, depending on the amount and type of hormones), also within 72 hours after unprotected sex, with a second dose taken 12 hours after the first dose. (For more detailed information, I would urge you to consult medical professionals or EC websites, especially if you intend to use EC soon or in the future.)

But if ordinary oral contraceptive pills are effective for use as emergency contraceptives, why are Filipino women still fighting for the "re-listing" of Postinor? An important reason is that the side effects from the use of ordinary pills (also known as the "Yuzpe" method), especially nausea and vomiting, are far more common and severe than with "dedicated" EC pills. Also, as the experiences in other countries show, women find it much simpler and more convenient to take a single dose, or two pills at the same time, of EC than to swallow so many tablets and keep to a 12-hour schedule.

THIS is what every woman should know about emergency contraception:

- EC pills will not interrupt or harm an established pregnancy.
- EC pills will not affect a woman's future fertility.
- EC pills are not the same as the "abortion pill" (RU 486) which is used after pregnancy is already established.
- EC pills need to be taken within 72 hours or three days after unprotected intercourse, though the sooner they're taken, the better.
- Side effects may include nausea and vomiting.
- EC pills are not as effective as other contraceptives for regular use.
- EC pills do not protect against sexually transmitted infections.

Government and the rule of law

OFTEN we trace the problems of our society to our government's inability to establish the rule of law, forgetting that the functions of government are far broader. Law is only one of several means at the disposal of the government to achieve its ends. These ends include the production of wealth in sufficient quantity, and the provision of adequate means of subsistence to the population so that it may flourish.

The equation of government with rule of law goes back to a time when the main concern of rulers was to establish their sovereignty over a given territory, protect it, and secure the loyalty of its inhabitants. Machiavelli's prince exemplified the situation of such rulers. The first lesson they learned was to identify the dangers to their rule. It helped, of course, that the ruler was a wise and prudent figure and was accepted by his subjects, but this was not his paramount concern. Sovereignty rather than the art of government was what preoccupied him.

Modern societies have come a long way from this feudal model of political rule. The later concept of a constitutional state drew from the notion of a social contract freely entered into by governors and governed. In this context, rule of law meant the exercise of political power by rulers in accordance with the constitution.

But while it is no longer fixated with sovereignty, this concept also fails to incorporate the managerial functions that we equate today with the administration of a population and its resources. The new knowledge that this model of government required, according to Michel Foucault, dealt with "questions that were termed precisely 'statistics,' meaning the science of the state."

This modern state gathers all kinds of information about the population, not to perfect its subjugation but to determine the best way to plan and promote its well-being and growth. The modern state's orientation is distinctly pragmatic and avoids relying on first principles

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Randy David



to justify its policies and programs. It follows no preordained path based on some transcendental or divine law. But it is a believer in the value of up-to-date information on the general state of the population.

One finds that in such societies, instruments of surveillance like a national identification system developed not as explicit methods of social control but as by-products of various approaches to national planning and service delivery. In itself, a national ID system is not a bad idea. It would greatly facilitate the achievement of the administrative functions of the state.

Its abuse however is greatest in countries like ours where tensions and conflicts arising from great disparities in life chances threaten national security. Here it is dossiers on "dangerous persons" that are of utmost interest to the state rather than systematic information on the quality of life of the general population. An insecure government will likely spend more time watching its back and gathering intelligence on its enemies than monitoring the overall state of its population through demographic trends.

All this tends to show that notwithstanding the modernity of our institutional structures and laws, our progress as a nation is still hampered by the feudal mind-set of our leaders and people. The exercise of political power in our society remains trapped in the world of Machiavelli's prince, where rulers spend their time ensuring their hold on power rather than guiding the ship of state. The vast masses of our people continue to think of themselves as subjects to be looked af-

ter rather than as citizens who must claim a meaningful role in their own government.

It is sad to see our people sometimes being portrayed as an ignorant and recalcitrant mass because they seem unable to follow simple laws. Sidewalk vendors who block public space are a case in point. While I applaud Metro Manila Development Authority Chair Bayani Fernando's determination to enforce the law, it appalls me that public officials should prioritize the strict enforcement of ordinances over the general uplift of the people's condition. Again I go back to my original observation that we seem to fatally equate governance with law enforcement.

If the poorest of our people behave like that, it can only be because our leaders have kept them that way, since they have profited from their political infantilism and economic vulnerability. Our entire political practice is built around these givens. Fernando has captured our imagination because he dared to go against the grain of this practice. But he is too narrowly focused and lacks the authority to provoke any enduring change in the system.

Our model of governance remains colonial in the sense that the primary concern of our leaders is to secure acquiescence to power rather than to develop the population. In many ways our government is still engaged in the unfinished task of pacification. It is not strange that our people have responded by creating an intricate culture of obsequiousness and dependence, punctuated by occasional outbursts of rebelliousness.

What we should work for is the rebirth of citizenship through the cultivation of self-reliance and the recovery of self-esteem. The last thing we need today is a society of surveillance epitomized by a national ID system. What we urgently need is a government that takes the collection of population statistics seriously as a basis of national planning.

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Who's afraid of the national ID system?

AS expected, the proposal of the administration to implement a national identification system to help combat terrorism has drawn criticism from civil libertarians and militant organizations.

Mistrust is the primary reason for their opposition. They doubt the ability of the government to maintain the confidentiality of the information that will be generated by that scheme. They also see it as a veiled attempt by President Macapagal-Arroyo to condition the mind of the public on the necessity of adopting some measures that are unique to authoritarian rule.

The adverse reactions give the impression that requiring the citizens to secure government-issued ID cards or similar forms of identification is something anathema in our society. That it constitutes an invasion of the citizen's right to privacy or freedom to keep inviolate certain aspects of his life.

But if you look at it closely, giving information to the government about one's self has been going on in this country since record keeping became a function of our bureaucracy. The information supply and collection process starts from birth and continues even after death.

When a person is born, the circumstances of his birth—date, place and parentage—are submitted to the city or municipal civil registrar for the issuance of a birth certificate. The same information is given to school authorities when he enrolls, from the primary grades to the tertiary level.

The process is repeated as a prerequisite for employment in the private sector or the government and membership in the Social Security System or Government Service Insurance System, as the case may be.

Extra document

If a Filipino has to travel abroad for any reason, he has to disclose details about himself to the Department of Foreign Affairs before he is issued a passport. The same thing goes at the Commission on Elections if he wants to exercise his right of suffrage or the Land Transportation Office if he applies for a driver's license.

And when the Almighty decides to call the person back to His bosom, relevant information about him have to be given by his heirs to the civil registrar to justify the issuance of a certificate of death, without which he cannot be properly interred.

In other words, the most basic information about a Filipino—his name, date and place of birth, residence and business address and parentage—is stored somewhere in a document that is on file with some government office.

Unless the proposed national ID will supersede all other forms of identification, it will simply be an additional document by which a person can be identified or distinguished from the rest of his countrymen.

The information a citizen or resident of the Philippines will give to the office that may be tasked with the duty of issuing the national ID (or identity card, as it is known in other countries that use it) will not be any different from those that he may have earlier provided the civil registrar, SSS, GSIS, DFA, LTO or any other government agency in connection with some transactions he may have with them.

The national ID may be likened to an old dog (like the typical identification card that most of us carry) with a new collar or description, courtesy this time of the national government.

Forgery

No doubt, as those opposed to the idea claim, the proposed ID can be forged or tampered with by unscrupulous parties. The proliferation of fake passports, licenses and other official documents attests to the facility by which those acts of falsification can be done.

The possible threat to the integrity of the ID does not however, constitute sufficient justification to junk the project. All official government documents and, for that matter all kinds of documents, are susceptible to fabrication or manipulation. More so these days when digital technology has made the art of reproduction more refined and practically effortless.

Passports and driver's licenses are favorite targets of forgers. But that does not stop the government from issuing those documents when requested by our countrymen because they play important roles in our lives. Instead of fretting over the problem, the government has put in place safeguards that would make it difficult for forgers to ply their trade.

If fear of possible forgery is a critical factor in deciding whether to issue certain documents or not, none of the documents that we are presently using to transact government or private business would have been prepared and used.

Our law-enforcement authorities are not strangers to the ways of con artists. The countless bogus US treasury bills, peso and dollar notes and securities documents seized in the past have given the government valuable lessons that can be put to good use in minimizing possible threats to the integrity of the national ID.

Abuse

The argument of the anti-ID groups that the information that may be gathered from the identification plan could be used to harass or persecute the ID owners is flimsy. It's a shotgun argument that assumes that the means by which to obtain information about a person are severely limited.

As I have earlier pointed out, even in the absence of a national ID, relevant information about a person can be secured from various documents on file with some government office. All it takes for the interested party to get those details are ingenuity and patience. Not to mention the fact that there are no secrets in our society.

A person bent on harassing or persecuting another would proceed with his evil intentions with or without the information that may be made available to him by the ID of his target.

Like the feared tampering, misuse of ID information can be prevented with the institution of the proper safeguards or precautionary measures. For one thing, access to the contents of the supporting documents of the ID holder can be restricted to certain levels of authority. Or a representative from the Commission on Human Rights could be given oversight authority on requests for such information.

The concept behind the proposed national ID is laudable. Knowing who your neighbors are is an important factor in the fight against terrorism. The advantages of the project far outweigh its perceived disadvantages.

If the ID system has worked in countries with strong libertarian traditions, there is no reason it cannot be similarly effective here.

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TALK of the TOWN

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How can we stop the bombings?'

THIS is so far the bloodiest month of the year. Five explosions—three in Zamboanga City and one each in Metro Manila and Kidapawan—left 20 people dead, including an America serviceman. More than a hundred were injured.

Authorities named five possible attackers: the Abu Sayyaf, the Moro Islamic Liberation Front, the Moro National Liberation Front and the Islamic militant group Jemaah Islamiyah (JI).

Hounded by criticisms that they were sleeping on the job, authorities announced the arrest of five suspected Abu Sayyaf members allegedly responsible for the bombings in Zamboanga City. Despite the arrests, authorities say that the bombings are far from solved.

'Deploy secret marshals'

NO one is really safe from all these terrorist attacks, especially if one is a regular commuter. But it would really help if one is always conscious of his security.

In my case, I make it a point to observe the other passengers whenever I board a bus or a jeepney. I look for suspicious-looking characters whose eyes wander furtively inside the vehicle. Once I spot them, I avoid them. For all we know, they might be holding a cellphone that would trigger a blast. They could even be suicide bombers.

Of course, I don't watch out only for the typical terrorist or criminal portrayed in action movies and by reckless newspapers—the bearded man with chocolate skin and heavy accent. We all know that terrorists come in different shapes and sizes. And smell, too.

In short, I'm very wary but not exactly paranoid of my fellow passengers.

Next thing to watch out for is the unattended baggage. I always presume that these pieces of luggage contain a bomb, what with the series of bomb explosions here and abroad. Whenever I chance upon them in a bus or jeepney, I immediately call the attention of the driver. And when extreme paranoia sets in, I leave the vehicle. It's better to be safe than sorry.

On the part of the authorities and vehicle operators, they should regularly check luggage and refuse entry to uncooperative passengers. Police should also deploy secret marshals in every bus, train, ship, and even jeepney.

If, despite all these security measures, we still fear for our safety, pray!

—Paolo Antonio Castro, writer for an Internet newspaper, Caloocan City

'Don't sleep while on the bus'

WE can't really stop some disgruntled individuals from wreaking havoc in the metropolis. But we can implement a number of security measures that will help us ensure our safety.

We have to remember that everyone is a potential victim. Violence cuts across social or racial boundaries. But of course, commuters are more susceptible to these attacks because they're on the road, in populated areas.

When riding a bus, passengers should be conscious of their security. They should look for suspicious-looking people and unattended luggage. They have no business sleeping inside public utility vehicles especially now that terrorist activities have already spilled over Metro Manila. They should observe the person sitting beside them or the person who has just boarded the bus.

Commuters should also cooperate in the government's security measures. They should voluntarily surrender their bags for inspection since the exer-

The bombings might stop if the remaining American forces in Zamboanga leave.

They are the ones targeted by the terrorists

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cise is for their own security. I really can't understand why some people blow their top whenever authorities remind them of the importance of having

their belongings inspected. The community should also do its part.

I would like to believe that an in-

The bombings are affecting the way residents of Metro Manila and other urban centers go about their daily lives.

For fear of terrorist attacks, some residents of Zamboanga no longer go to the commercial district. Some people now shun crowded places like malls, while commuters avoid sitting at the rear of the bus and keep a tight watch over their fellow passengers.

To prevent bomb attacks, authorities are fielding secret marshals and deploying bomb-sniffing dogs. They also seek the arming of barangay tanods and the adoption of a national ID system. Others suggest that the departure of the remaining American soldiers in Zamboanga can help stop the bombings.

formed citizenry is the most potent weapon against terrorism. People should read the papers, listen to AM radio stations, and watch news and current affairs programs on TV. They can't afford to isolate themselves from all the problems.

—Claire de la Fuente, president, Integrated Metro Bus Operators Association

'Let the American soldiers go home'

WE can only stop the bombings by letting the Americans go home! (laughs). Really, the Americans should leave Zamboanga because they are the targets, not the innocent civilians. The civilians have become victims because of the presence of the American forces.

We cannot just ignore the problem because anybody can be a victim. But honestly, I suspect that these bombings have something to do with the anti-terrorism bill, kaya let the Americans leave.

One way to stop the bombings is to deeply study the problem. The military and the citizenry should know the psyche of the perpetrators.

How did the bombings affect me? Sus! My wife was injured when a bomb exploded inside Shop-o-rama. Anybody can be a victim.

My wife is now confined at the Western Mindanao Medical Center. We are paying for her medical bills. Look at her face. She has third degree burns. Parang nagpa-facial peeling nga, parang nag-RDL (laughs). Her right wrist bone is broken.

She is traumatized. She is apprehensive about going to the commercial district and she is even afraid to bring our daughter to nursery school.

—Alih Aiyub, college instructor, Zamboanga City

The bombings might stop if the remaining American forces in Zamboanga leave. They are the ones targeted by the terrorists. The government should also refrain from showing support to the United States. It puts us more at risk.

It has become scary nowadays. Whenever I leave the house, I have to ask for other people's opinions on which mode of public transport to take. In fact, I have to ask the guard what he thinks is safer, the MRT or the bus?

We have also come to fear for our job security. Our company is just starting out, and the foreign investors who run it might think it's not a good idea staying in the country.

—Maricel Alinea, Quezon City

'Destroy the Abu Sayyaf'

WE have to destroy the Abu Sayyaf first and we should not rely on the military and police to do the job. We do have our own share of responsibilities in keeping our city free from terrorists.

How to do this? If we noticed the pres-

ence of suspicious characters in our community, we have to report them immediately to the police. We must remember that bombs don't choose people. Anybody is a target.

How did the bombings affect me? I can't just go to town anytime I want anymore. I used to buy wholesale for my store. With the situation, I'd rather see my store empty than risk my life.

—Danny Espina, sari-sari store owner, Barangay Putik, Zamboanga City

It's difficult to stop the bombings in Zamboanga. These can be stopped only through prayers. I know God will take care of us. But we have to be extra careful when we are in the town proper because we don't know when bombs will explode.

There's no safe place in this world anymore. I am afraid to walk in the city. If I need to buy something, I ask someone to buy it for me. On Oct. 21, I did not report for work because I was fearful of what would happen.

How can my daughter enjoy life in this kind of world? But God knows there has to be an end to all this.

—Cathy Cahabug, clerk, Zamboanga City

'Call 117 or MMDA 136 hotline'

TO prevent the bombings in Metro Manila, we have issued advisories to all public utility operators and transport operators. These are preventive measures.

One is the inspection of baggage. We are informing the people that they are obliged to present their baggage for inspection.

The other one is to report all unattended and suspicious packages in terminals and buses.

Another is to call the attention of the passenger who leaves packages behind. If the passenger's reaction is suspicious, then the package should be reported to the authorities at once.

In case suspicious packages are seen, there has to be an immediate evacuation of the areas affected. Passengers should immediately inform the police by calling 117 or the MMDA 136 hotline.

Sniffing dogs are good, but the best method is the inspection of baggage because bombs are of a size easily seen. Of course, frisking is also necessary. We don't have detectors for explosives. That should be good, but I think they are expensive.

Before passengers board the bus, the conductor must inspect their bags. It is the carrier's right to do that because it is responsible for the safety of passengers. So it can refuse the boarding of any passenger who doesn't submit to such inspections.

But conductors and drivers might not be aware of what they're looking for during inspection. That is why the Department of Transportation and Communication will start training the conductors, drivers and security agents.

—Bayani Fernando, chair, Metro Manila Development Authority

'We hired more security guards'

WE should go back to the basics. It's checking all the packages brought inside the premises of the Glorietta Mall, inspecting the trunks or even the undercarriage of cars. It may be an inconvenience to some, but people don't complain anymore even if the lines are long.

We have also conducted seminars for security guards. If you step inside the mall, you will see that on their tables are pictures of what to look out for. There are pictures of bombs and detonating devices.

We have also invested in bomb-sniffing dogs. We have about three and we have them sniff out cars for possible bombs. We have issued regular security

bulletins to our merchants telling them what to watch out for, how to detect a car bomb, to report suspicious-looking cars. Those kinds of things.

It's difficult to check on people because we're a public mall. Anyone who wants to go in can't be prevented from entering. That's basically what we're in business for. We want people to patronize the malls.

Shopping malls and cinemas are hardest to guard because of the number of people who come and go, and the number of vehicles that go inside parking lots. By the sheer number of patrons that we have, we encounter difficulties. But we're trying to address it one day at a time.

We have adopted this posture

since the 2000 bombings. We've not reduced the number of security personnel. We've practically increased it by 30 percent. It's costing us a lot of money but we see it as a necessary cost item in protecting our patrons.

Some of the guards are only tasked with watching the peripheral areas, some of which have lots of plants. Those are very good areas to place bombs. So the guards watch even the plants.

We've received crank calls but we treat all calls seriously and respond to them immediately. The police or the bomb disposal unit is called in. They go through the area and we bring in the dogs and search the area until it's declared safe. Normally, unless

there's evident danger, we don't ask the mall to be evacuated haphazardly. We don't want to create panic and stampede.

—Raul Irlanda, senior vice president, Ayala Property Management Corp.

'Pray if all else fails'

WE must be vigilant. We must move on with our lives and not be intimidated by the senseless actions of the terrorists. Pray. Pray. Pray. When all else fails, it's the only thing that works, I think.

—Karen Avila, food technician, Quezon City

We need to cooperate with the authorities. Having the patience to wait in long lines for bag inspections is one thing we can do for our safety.

The recent bombings have made me fearful of commuting. Every time I ride the MRT or any kind of public transport, I can't help but think that a bomb might explode somewhere near me. Only my faith in God neutralizes such thoughts.

—Tina Cuasay, chemist, Quezon City

With the series of bombings, government officials should put their act together.

—Woodie Ebron, Makati

The best help I can offer is to pray for the victims and for those responsible for the bombings. I also familiarize myself with how

bombs look like so that when I see one I can report it to the authorities.

—Meeme Marcos, Travel Wise, Makati

All that has been happening lately is really scary, but I don't let it affect my life. I still go on with my day, doing stuff that I usually do, and want to do. I don't involve myself in anything high-risk though, like watching a movie or taking a bus. Caution is the word I live by nowadays.

—Eileen Camarillo, Parañaque

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Huge US demo to protest war on Iraq

WASHINGTON—Thousands of anti-war activists prepared to march here Saturday to protest any US-led strike on Iraq, as the UN Security Council remained stalemated over a tough US draft resolution on disarming Baghdad.

The council, which will resume talks on the draft Monday after a weekend break, was under heavy pressure from President George W. Bush, who said the United States would take action if the United Nations fails to do so.

In Washington, organizers said

some 100,000 protesters would show up to voice their opposition to military action against Iraq, promising the largest anti-war demonstration since the Vietnam era in the early 1970s.

However, Washington police spokesperson Quentin Peterson

said the protesters requested a permit for only 20,000.

"The people of the United States can stop the war. They have done it before and they can do it now," said Mara Verheyden-Hillard, one of the organizers.

Event speakers are to include rights advocate Jesse Jackson, former US attorney general Ramsey Clark and Representative Cynthia McKinney of Georgia.

"We feel this war is unjustified

and unjust," said Michel Shehadeh, another organizer, who represents a pro-Palestinian group.

Clark, US attorney general from 1967 to 1969 under then-president Lyndon Johnson, has traveled to Baghdad frequently to protest US sanctions.

Similar protests were scheduled in San Francisco and Chicago, as well as in Mexico, Japan, Spain, Germany, South Korea, Belgium and Australia, said the Washington

organizers, a coalition of anti-war, social justice and civil rights groups.

At the United Nations on Friday, US Ambassador John Negroponte had the council secretariat publish a draft resolution as an official document at the start of the day's talks, a step usually taken just before a vote.

But diplomats said it appeared to be a procedural maneuver to prevent any other member getting in first with an alternative draft, and noted that the text

could still be amended.

"We went through our draft with other members of the council. We heard their views and we are going to take them on board," US Deputy Ambassador James Cunningham said.

Council members were to be briefed by chief UN arms inspector Hans Blix on Monday.

Bush warned he would reject any resolution curbing his ability to force Iraq to disarm. **AFP**

UN adds Jemaah Islamiah to al-Qaida list

UNITED NATIONS—The United Nations on Friday added the East Asian Islamist group Jemaah Islamiah to its list of groups and people whose assets should be frozen due to suspected ties to Osama bin Laden or his al-Qaida network.

Indonesian police say the deadly Oct. 12 bombing of nightclubs in Bali bore the hallmarks

of the Jemaah Islamiah, a militant group which the United States believes operates in Indonesia, Singapore, Malaysia and possibly the Philippines.

The bombing killed more than 180 people.

Washington designated the group a "foreign terrorist organization" and froze any US assets earlier this week.

It also joined 12 Asian countries in asking the United Nations to do the same.

Putting groups and individuals on the UN list obliges the United Nations' 191 member-nations to freeze their funds and other assets and block their movements.

The goal of the UN list, which is maintained by a UN Security Coun-

cil committee and currently has more than 300 names of businesses, individuals and organizations, is to deprive alleged terrorists of the money and other resources they need to carry out attacks.

It has led to the blocking of more than \$100 million in assets over the past year in various countries. **Reuters**



ACTOR Richard Harris, in picture dated June 22, 1982.

Irish-born actor Richard Harris, 72

LONDON—Veteran Irish-born actor Richard Harris, whose hell-raising lifestyle often overshadowed his illustrious movie and stage career, died at the age of 72 after a battle with cancer, a spokesperson for his family said late Friday.

"With great sadness, Damian, Jarid and Jamie Harris announced the death of their beloved father Richard Harris," the spokesperson said.

"He died peacefully at University College Hospital, London, at 7 p.m. today."

The actor had been receiving treatment for Hodgkin's Disease—cancer of the lymphatic system—after falling ill earlier this year.

One of his best-known roles was that of King Arthur in the 1967 musical "Camelot." But he also starred in some of the other classic films of his generation, including "A Man Called Horse," "The Guns of Navarone" and "Mutiny on the Bounty."

More recently, he became known to a new generation of film fans through his role as Professor Albus Dumbledore in "Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone."

He features in the sequel "Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets" set to hit screens next month.

Away from the screen, he had a reputation of being a hell-raiser—a heavy drinker who twice went bankrupt and was divorced. He underwent a reformation and acting resurrection in the early 1980s, when told he had 18 months to live if he did not stop drinking.

He responded by buying the rights to the stage production of "Camelot," touring the world with it for five years and becoming a multi-millionaire in the process.

Before entering hospital, Harris worked on the third Harry Potter film, "The Prisoner Of Azkaban" while receiving chemotherapy treatment.

Irish Prime Minister Bertie Ahern said he was deeply saddened by the death of Harris, describing the actor as "one of Ireland's most outstanding artists."

"Richard Harris made a tremendous contribution to the arts and entertainment world throughout his long career. I wish to extend my sympathy to his family and wide circle of friends," said Ahern.

Born in Limerick, southwest Ireland, on October 1, 1930, Harris was the fifth of eight children born into a middle-class staunchly Roman Catholic family. His father, Ivan, was a flour mill owner and the young Richard acquired a lifelong love for rugby and poetry.

As a rugby player, Harris was a formidable forward, representing his province Munster. He had high hopes of playing at international level, until he was struck down with tuberculosis at the age of 19.

For more than two years he was largely confined to bed where he read prodigiously.

The London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art accepted him as a pupil in 1953 and Harris stepped on to the London stage three years later.

He married debutante Elizabeth Rees-Williams in 1958. The couple had three sons before the marriage ended in divorce. **AFP**

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Death penalty urged in shooting spree

ROCKVILLE, Md.—With two sniper suspects behind bars on Friday, officials from Maryland, Virginia and Alabama said the death penalty was warranted in the three-week shooting rampage that killed 10 people and wounded three in and around the US capital.

Maryland, where six of the 10 killings occurred, charged John Allen Muhammad, a 41-year-old Gulf War veteran, and his 17-year-old traveling companion, John Lee Malvo, with six counts of first-degree murder in the sniper siege.

Arrest warrants were issued late Friday evening against Mohammed, who was named as John Allen Williams, and Malvo.

According to six pages of documents filed in Maryland's Montgomery County District Court, each of the six counts each defendant faces carries the possibility of the death penalty.

Douglas Gansler, state's attorney for Montgomery County, said earlier: "We are confident of our grounds for death penalty eligibility."

Both suspects were arrested on Thursday after one of the biggest manhunts in

US history. Muhammad was held on a charge of violating a federal gun law, while the specific charge against Malvo was not made public because federal officials said he was under 18.

However, Gansler said, "Mr. Malvo is not in this country legally, so we don't know at this time for a fact that he is a juvenile." He said Malvo would be charged as an adult.

Gansler acknowledged there are seven jurisdictions around Washington—two Maryland counties, four Virginia counties and the District of Columbia—where the suspects could be tried, in addition to any possible federal charges in the case.

He spoke as relief replaced anxiety in suburbs around Washington, as routines returned to a semblance of normalcy after three weeks of extraordinarily widespread anxiety.

Beyond the six killings that occurred in Montgomery County, three were in Virginia and one was in Washington, DC. Of the three people critically injured, two

were in Virginia and one was in Prince George's County, Maryland.

Both Maryland and Virginia can impose the death penalty, though there is currently a moratorium on its use in Maryland, and it is not used in cases involving juveniles.

However, Maryland Gov. Parris Glendening said this case left room to impose the death sentence.

"On cases of this type, we do have death penalty legislation at the federal-state level, and when you have something this horrendous it seems to me that if there is no question whatsoever about the guilt that this is the type of incident for which this legislation is written," he said.

"Clearly this is a case that I believe where the death penalty is appropriate," Virginia Gov. Mark Warner said at a news conference.

The District of Columbia has no death penalty statute, though it could be sought if the fatal shooting in the US capital was brought as a federal case. **Reuters**

Illustration of a 1990 Chevrolet Caprice owned by the main Washington sniper suspect detailing modifications made to allow shots to be fired from within the vehicle. Includes illustration and key technical specification of the Bushmaster XM-15 .223 caliber rifle found in the car of the two sniper suspects that has been linked to the shootings.

SNIPER SUSPECTS' CAR AND WEAPON

Washington area prosecutors were meeting on Friday to discuss filing charges against two suspects in the sniper attacks that have held the U.S. capital region in a grip of terror for three weeks.

Suspects' car was modified to allow firing from the car trunk, say U.S. media sources.

Rear seat was removed or folded down to give access to the trunk from inside the car.

Driver able to depart directly after firing.

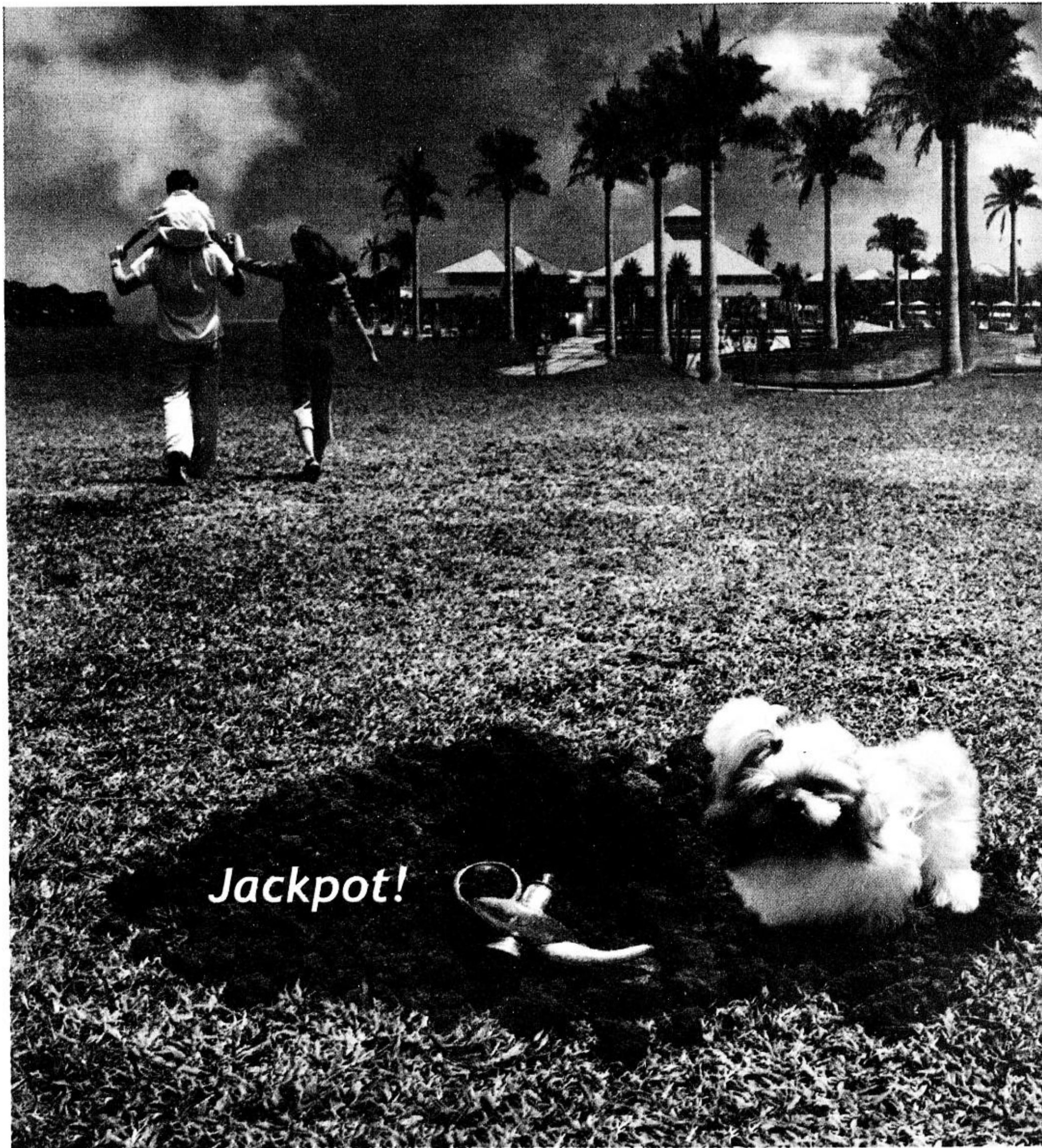
A semi-automatic rifle equipped with a telescopic sight and stabilizing tripod was found in the suspect car.

One or more firing cut to allow sighting targets and firing.

Bushmaster XM-15 E2S semi-automatic rifle.

Caliber: .223; Magazine: 20 Rounds; Barrel length: 40 cm; Overall length: 88 cm; Weight (without magazine): 3 kg.

REUTERS



Jackpot!

Japanese rightist arrested in solon stabbing

TOKYO—A rightist Japanese activist was arrested Saturday in connection with the fatal stabbing of a campaigning lawmaker.

Saturday's arrest of Hakusui Ito, 48, came several hours after he turned himself in and admitted to killing 61-year-old Koki Ishii outside the parliamentarian's home in western Tokyo on Friday.

"The arrest was made at 2:20 pm for a murder charge," said a police spokesperson.

"We will continue our investigation to learn details of the incident and Ito's motive," he said, declining to elaborate further.

Ishii, a member of the opposition known for exposing corruption and wasteful government spending, was attacked outside his home in western Tokyo Friday by Ito, who wielded a 12-inch blade.

The two had known each other for more than a decade, with Ito occasionally asking Ishii for money, Japan Broadcasting Corp. (NHK) reported, adding that Ito had recently been evicted from his apartment for failing to pay rent.

"Mr. Ishii and I had differences in thinking. I asked for financial support, but (the discussion) did not go as I wanted," Ito told police, Jiji reported.

"I have monetary troubles with Ishii," Ito reportedly told other rightists, Jiji said.

Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi condemned the murder Friday as an intolerable "assassination." Ito in 1998 had stormed the Communist Party headquarters and assaulted two party staff members, Jiji Press said.

Other arrests on his police record included assaults of members of leftist political parties and organizations, the news agency said.

A former law lecturer, Ishii studied at Tokyo's elite Waseda University before completing his education at Moscow University.

Ishii was first elected to national parliament in 1993 representing the now-defunct New Japan Party, and was head of the DPJ's party's so-called "G-Man Squad," which campaigned against corruption. **AFP**

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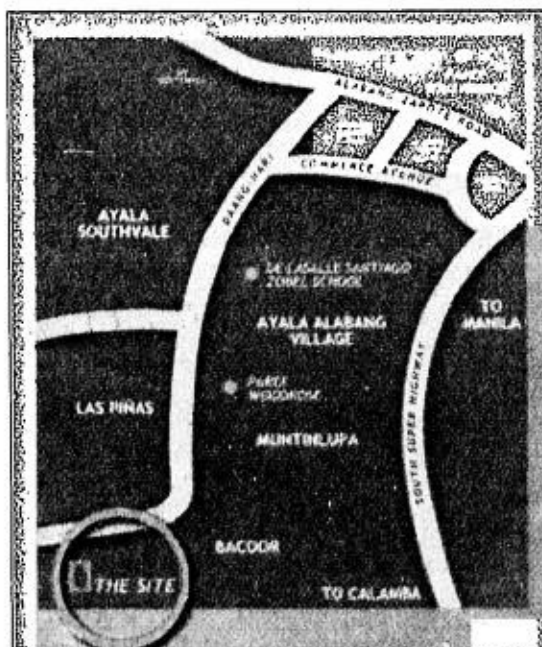
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Bin Laden says Muslims betrayed him in his will

CAIRO—A London-based Arabic magazine says it has obtained the will of Osama bin Laden in which he accuses fellow Muslim leaders of betraying him in the face of the American campaign to destroy his al-Qaida movement.

The weekly magazine Al-Majallah said the typed will was dated Dec. 14, 2001, and signed by Bin Laden. At that time, US forces were bombing the al-Qaida stronghold at Tora Bora where Bin Laden was believed to have fled after the collapse of rule by the Taliban.

In the will, Bin Laden accused Muslim leaders of betraying him and "the students of religion," meaning the Taliban. Bin Laden and Taliban leaders complained during the Amer-

ican attack that other Muslims had ignored pleas to come to their aid.

"Without treason the situation would have been different today and the outcome would have been different," the purported will says.

"The situation has reversed. We saw the cowardly crusaders (the United States) and the humiliated Jews stand up while the soldiers of our nation raise the white flag and surrender to the enemies like women."

A US intelligence official in Washington, speaking on condition of anonymity, said American officials have not verified the authenticity of the will.

Issam Abdel Allah, a member of Al-Majallah's editorial board, said the will was received from sources in

Afghanistan, but he declined to give further details.

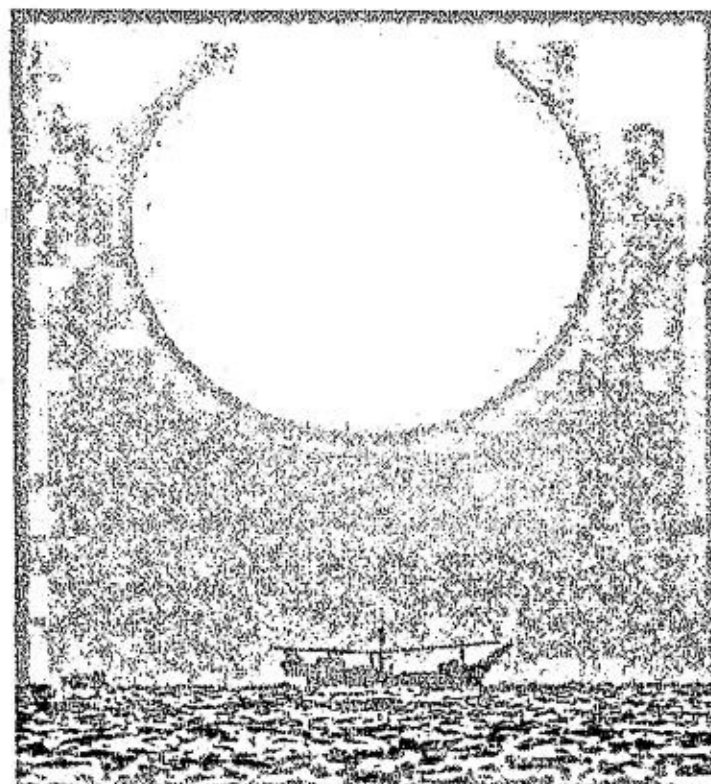
He said Al-Majallah did not know if Bin Laden was alive or dead, but he added that "it seems he wrote it (the will) in a very difficult situation under severe American bombing."

In the will, Bin Laden referred to the Sept. 11 attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

"The battle of New York and Washington was the third strike against America, the first of which was the bombing of the Marines in Lebanon, the second was the bombing of the American Embassy in Nairobi," he said, referring to an attack in 1983 that killed more than 200 Marines in Beirut and the 1998 bombing of American embassies in Kenya and Tanzania. AP

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One of a procession of fishing dhows passes the setting sun off the shores of the Bahrain capital of Manama Oct. 25. Every evening lines of dhows belonging to fishermen and pearl divers set out to the Gulf to supplement the local economy. REUTERS



N. Korea seeks deal with US

UNITED NATIONS—Wrapping an offer in fiery rhetoric, North Korea said Friday it was ready to cool tensions set off by the discovery of its nuclear program if Washington recognized the isolated nation's sovereignty and allowed it to flourish.

Delivering the statement by his Foreign Ministry, Ambassador Pak Gil Yon charged the White House with preparing a pre-emptive strike against North Korea by including it in the "axis of evil," along with Iraq and Iran. "This is a clear declaration of war," Pak said.

Even so, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea wants a "nonaggression treaty" with the United States, he said, using the country's official name. In a rare news conference, he expressed hope that a series of contacts between the two governments would continue.

He spoke shortly before US President George W. Bush and Chinese President Jiang Zemin, meeting in Crawford, Texas, said they both oppose nuclear weapons on the Korean peninsula and pledged to seek a peaceful resolution of the crisis set off by North Korea's assertion that it is developing such weapons.

Bush said he wanted to work with China, South Korea, Japan and Russia to come up with a common strategy to convince North Korean leader Kim Jong Il to disarm.

But Pak charged the United States with stockpiling nuclear weapons in South Korea that have threatened the North for nearly half a century.

As a result, Pak said, North Korea "was left with no other proper answer to the US behaving so arrogantly and impudently."

The Korean peninsula was divided in 1945 into the communist North and capitalist South. Pyongyang's invasion of the South five years later touched off the 1950-53 Korean War, with the United States leading a UN force to push back Northern troops. For North Korea, the United States has remained enemy No. 1 since the war. AP

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Stop P900M flood project, gov't told

BACOLOR, Pampanga—The P900-million Third River project, which received the biggest funding in the P3.5 billion borrowed by the Philippine government from Japan, should be stopped because it would not ease the flooding problem in Pampanga, marine geologist Kelvin Rodolfo said.

The project, started in March this year by the China International Water and Electric Corp., is not only a "criminal waste of public money" but will also harm the environment, Rodolfo said.

The proposed artificial channel in the province's eight southern

towns is situated in routes that are rapidly sinking because of heavy groundwater withdrawal, he said.

The channel's route, he said, is practically at sea level and would allow the entry of seawater from the Pampanga and Manila bays to poison agricul-

tural areas and groundwater.

"It's exactly the wrong site. They could not have picked a worst site," he said. "I'm wondering if it's stupidity or whether there's something sinister about it."

Rodolfo noted that a report of the Department of Public Works and Highways had even confirmed the occurrence of subsidence and seawater flooding in two-thirds of the areas of the Third River.

The report said the yearly rate of subsidence was recorded in San

Fernando and Lubao from 1 to 1.5 centimeters; Mexico, 1 cm; Sto. Tomas and Minalin, 2.5 cm; Guagua, 2 cm; and Sasmuan, from 2 to 2.5 cm, in the last 30 years.

"Why are they planning a channel in this area? It is absolute criminal that they would do this. This is a criminal waste of money," he said.

The project, originally named Erap River after ousted President Joseph Estrada, under whose term the flood-control works were approved, is about

15 percent complete.

About P135 million has been spent for the project, a report from the DPWH's Mount Pinatubo Emergency Project Management showed.

"If they stop it right now, they're going to save P765 million that the country can ill afford to throw away," he said.

Rodolfo said the report, prepared by Japanese consulting firm Nippon Koei, did not consider what might happen if there were heavy rains and floods from land and if

the habagat (southwest) winds pile up the water along the coast and block the flow of floodwater.

"They themselves concede that most of the channel are going to be under salt water at maximum tide under the best possible conditions, meaning no waves raising the water against the coast, no floods coming in from land. So why are they building the channel there? I see no scientific basis for it at all," he said. **Tonette Orejas, PDI Central Luzon Desk**

'SHOW OF SINCERITY'

MILF says it won't withdraw from peace talks

By Edwin O. Fernandez
PDI Mindanao Bureau

COTABATO CITY—The Moro Islamic Liberation Front will not turn its back on the peace process claiming it is sincere in achieving a political solution to the so-called Mindanao problem.

This despite the MILF charges that the Armed Forces of the Philippines has been violating the existing agreement on the cessation of hostilities.

"We will not turn our back to show our sincerity," said Al Haj Murad Ebrahim, the MILF's military chief.

The government also expressed the same position in the face of allegations from the rebel movement that Malacañang is not sincere in dealing with the MILF.

To prove a point, Murad, who chairs the rebel group's peace panel, said the MILF has been consistently observing all the interim agreement it signed with the government under the brokerage of the Organization of Islamic Conference.

Malaysia and Libya hosted the signing of two agreements between the government and the MILF this year.

Presidential Adviser for Mindanao Jesus Dureza, also said the government has spent too much efforts and energy in finding a solution to the Mindanao conflict.

"It won't give up, the peace process continues," he was quoted as telling reporters in Davao city.

Speaking over Radio dxMS from Malaysia where he is presently based, Murad said what the government should do is simply "reciprocate our sincerity and honesty in finding a lasting solution to the Mindanao problem."

Earlier, Murad accused the military's Southern Command of orchestrating a scenario to justify its offensive against MILF identified areas.

The Army's 4th Infantry Division and the 6th Infantry Division have been pounding rebels' positions in the boundary of Lanao del Sur and Lanao del Norte and in two towns in Maguindanao.

Both Murad and Dureza believe that the

bombings in Mindanao should not hinder the achievement of a lasting solution to the island's decades-old problem.

In a statement earlier, the MILF condemned the rash of bombings in southern Philippines. It even accused the military of orchestrating the bomb attacks targeting civilians.

Murad said the MILF central committee had seen a brighter prospect in the on-going talks that began six years ago.

It has created committees that will help monitor the implementation of previous agreements down to the municipal level.

Presidential Adviser for special concern Norberto Gonzales said a peace agreement between the government and the MILF "will soon be signed."

Gonzales, who does the back-channel talks with the MILF and instrumental in the signing of two controversial agreements in Malaysia, believes in the sincerity of both sides. **Edwin O. Fernandez, PDI Mindanao Bureau**

Bongbong, wife sued by property owners in Laoag

LAOAG CITY—Add another civil suit for non-payment of a property to the string of cases lodged against the Marcoses.

Bonifacio Obrero and three other owners of a seaside property here sued Ilocos Norte Gov. Ferdinand Marcos Jr. and his wife Louise Araneta-Marcos for alleged non-payment of some P1 million representing the value of a 5,000-sqm beach lot. The lot is beside a 15,000-sqm property Obrero and his group sold to the couple in 1998.

The case was filed in February but the Marcoses only answered the charges on Oct. 11.

The Marcoses, through their lawyer Joel Garcia, initially asked for supporting papers from Obrero's group, such as copies of the absolute sale of real property entered into by both parties. The Marcoses issued their reply when the Obreros furnished them with the required documents.

The case was made public as soon as the case was filed in February but copies of the charges as well as the Marcoses' reply were only obtained from the court earlier this month.

The couple built a house on a beachfront in Barangay Calayab here in 1998 when Marcos relocated his family to run for Ilocos Norte governor.

Obrero earlier sold to the couple a 15,000-sqm property where the Marcoses eventually built their seaside house.

Along with the property, the Marcoses also bought the rights to a 300-meter beachfront worth P30,000 from the same owners.

Obrero's group, court records showed, gave the Mar-

coses the first option to buy another 5,000-sqm land beside the couple's property.

Obrero started demanding the payment for the 5,000-sqm lot on Oct. 11, 2001 after noting that a fence had been built to enclose it.

He filed the case before Judge Conrado Ragucos of the regional trial court here last February, alleging that the Marcos couple had refused to pay for the smaller property.

The Marcoses told the court on Oct. 11 that they had justifiable reasons for not complying with the payment demand because Obrero failed to disclose the legal impediments involving the property that he sold to the couple.

"The Obreros falsely represented themselves to be the exclusive owners of the property (sold to the Marcos couple). It turned out, however, that there are other people who are claiming to be co-owners of the subject property," the Marcoses said.

They said they could not obtain a land title for the property they bought because the government had opposed its registration pending settlement of the claimants.

According to the Marcoses, they also discovered that Obrero had no rights to the 300-meter beachfront property sold to the couple.

As to the 15,000-sqm property, court records showed that the Marcoses had paid partially in three check installments. They stopped delivering payments to Obrero's group after the case was filed. **Cristina Arzadon, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau**

Chopper gunship rocket strays into village

By Tonton Antogop
PDI Visayas Bureau

CEBU CITY—Residents of Sitio Timpoloc, Barangay Babag 2 in Lapu-Lapu City were stunned when a rocket from a helicopter gunship crashed near their houses on Friday morning.

Fortunately, the rocket did not explode, sparing residents in the area. The rocket's warhead landed on a vacant lot just two meters away from a house where two children were asleep.

No one was hurt, but the loud bang that accompanied the rocket's "landing" in the village set off speculations that it was caused by terrorists.

Col. Teofilo Lood of the Philippine Air Force's 2nd Tactical Operations Wing (TOW) said the incident occurred when armament specialists belonging to the 15th Strike Wing inside the Mactan Benito Ebuen Air Base (MBEAB) were conducting a routine check-up of the aircraft.

Maintenance

They were doing a maintenance check on a MG520 assault helicopter when they accidentally triggered the launch of the Folding Fin Air Rocket (FFAR).

Col. Jose Jonrado, assistant chief of Air staff for Civil Military Operations of the Philippine Air Force at the Villamor Air Base in Pasay City, explained that the deafening sound heard by the residents was not an

explosion but a "sonic boom caused by the release of the air rocket."

Had it been a real explosion, Jonrado said there would have been damage to property and injuries to persons. There would have been also rocket fragments busted to pieces, he added.

Jonrado said the PAF would conduct an inquiry into the incident and subsequently review their procedures to prevent a similar accident in the future.

Based on police estimates, the MBEAB is about five to six kilometers from where the rocket landed.

Asleep

Reynaldo Tumampas, 48, a realtor, said his two children were sleeping inside their house when the rocket crashed two meters from his property.

Efren Cabalbug, whom Tumampas had hired to extract some Mactan stone for his parking area, was also standing about a meter away from the spot where the warhead crashed. Cabalbug, 46, said he could have been directly hit had he not quickly ducked. "The earth shook, I was lucky that I ducked, thank God this is my second life," he said.

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Village chief resorts to letters vs drugs

ROXAS CITY—If former Manila Mayor Alfredo Lim had red paint to fight drug pushers, the chair of a barangay here made infamous by its illegal drug trade uses the power of the pen in an attempt to rid his village of drug peddlers.

Unlike Lim who sprayed red paint on the houses of suspected drug pushers, a move which earned him the ire of human rights advocates, Punta Tabuc barangay chair Rene Barrios opted for a "civil approach" in dealing with the drug problem through his so-called "letters of appeal."

The letters were sent by Barrios last week to twenty "well-known" drug pushers in his barangay.

Crafted in Hiligaynon, the letters appealed for a stop to illegal drug operations in Punta Tabuc.

"When the proper time comes, especially when you get apprehended by the police, I don't want you to blame me for it. I hope you understand me," Barrios' letter partly read.

So far, Barrios said, only two of his letter recipients have responded to a "one-on-one peaceful dialogue" with him.

He said the two, whom he declined to name, have in fact assured him that they will stop their illegal trade.

"Well, let's wait and see," he said.

Barrios said he would be forced to take drastic action should these drug pushers continue with their illegal activities despite his letter of appeal.

Barangay Punta Tabuc, particularly Sitio Cassandra, is a known drug haven in the city. It is the only place in the city where drug pushers would ply their trade at any time of the day and right on the streets.

Aware of the bad image of his barangay, Barrios created a community-based task force known as "Walis Droga" shortly after the July 15 barangay elections.

A number of sari-sari store owners backed Barrios' move by putting up signs in front of their houses or establishments that say: "Bawal magbaligya sang shabu dire (selling of shabu here is prohibited)."

The Punta Tabuc barangay council has also thrown its full support behind Barrios' crusade. *Gerry T. Pagharion, PDI Visayas Bureau*

Lina backs anti-terror force in GMA hometown in Pampanga

MAGALANG, Pampanga—Interior Secretary Jose Lina endorsed the plan of Pampanga police officials to create the Special Police Auxiliary Force (SPAF), a civilian-based counterterror unit, in President Macapagal-Arroyo's home province.

Senior Supt. Rodolfo Mendoza, Pampanga police director and former chief of the Philippine National Police's foreign liaison office, described the SPAF as a system that "integrates and converges the responsibilities of the police and the community."

The combination of the two, he said, would "prevent and control the occurrence of crimes and maintain peace and order."

In the SPAF's concept paper, a copy of which Mendoza submitted to Lina and Pampanga mayors on Thursday, the police official explained that "peace, order and security against criminal elements, insurgents and terrorists are prerequisites to economic growth and equitable development."

During his presentation, Mendoza called the SPAF the "anti-terrorism council in the barangays."

He justified the creation of the SPAF, saying "low-level professional training, corruption and poor technological capability

have undermined the police."

Community participation, on the other hand, has yet to be fully utilized, he said.

Mendoza said the public security office, which is under the office of the mayor, had degenerated into a mayor's squad of henchmen.

"They only serve to beleaguer the public, as the majority believes that these individuals are evidence of the political clout and armed authority of the mayor," he said.

On the other hand, he said the Civilian Volunteers Organization and barangay tanods lacked the training and are prone to the political influences of local executives.

Mendoza said the creation of the SPAFs was within the mandate of the peace and order councils, which were established through Executive Order 309. These councils exist at the national, regional, provincial, city and municipal levels.

Mendoza said the specific tasks of the SPAF are on traffic, criminal investigation, patrol, disaster control and rehabilitation and community relations.

He said SPAF members, men and women from 21 to 40 years old, would only be armed with nightsticks.

However, Mendoza said they could be given authority to carry firearms.

Lina told mayors that the general rule was not to arm all barangay tanods or auxiliary forces in 42,000 villages nationwide.

Only in "situations of extreme

necessity" could tanods carry firearms, he said.

Piloted in San Fabian, Pangasinan, Mendoza said the SPAF program produced a "good and effective law enforcement." *Tonette Orejas, PDI Central Luzon Desk*

Logging firm exec foils NPAs' kidnapping attempt

CAMP OLIVAS, Pampanga—An executive of the biggest logging firm in Aurora and Quezon provinces foiled a kidnapping attempt on him by 15 suspected New People's Army rebels on Wednesday, a belated Army report said here Friday.

Romeo John Roxas II, vice president for operations of the Green Circle Properties, sped off when three rebels asked him to stop at a checkpoint they set up in Barangay Butas na Bato in Dingalan, Aurora, at about 4 p.m.

NPA rebels, Roxas said, held three other vehicles a few meters before the checkpoint. This provided him a clue on the kidnapping, he said.

He said the rebels fired at his pickup as he

fled. The car bore several bullet holes, the report said.

Col. Jovenal Narcise, chief of the Army's 702nd Infantry Brigade, said the incident happened a few days after Roxas refused to pay revolutionary taxes to the NPA.

Narcise said it came a month after Roxas reported the illegal logging activities allegedly being protected by the NPA rebels in the area.

Green Circle occupies some 30,000 hectares of logging concession areas. It plans to develop an economic zone in the Aurora-Quezon corridor of the Pacific Ocean, which was approved by former President Joseph Estrada through an executive order.

In Nueva Ecija, government soldiers captured five NPA rebels in Aliaga town on Friday.

Narcise said the rebels, who were occupying two huts, were captured during an operation of the Army's 71st Infantry Battalion in Barangay San Carlos, Aliaga.

He identified the rebels as Mario Onera and Maximo, Teresita, Arsenia and Alejandro, all surnamed De Dios.

He said their initial investigation showed they were "NPA sympathizers, lookouts and collectors of revolutionary taxes in the village."

The soldiers recovered two .38-cal. pistols, a .22-cal. rifle, a shotgun and bullets from the suspects. *Tonette Orejas, PDI Central Luzon Desk*



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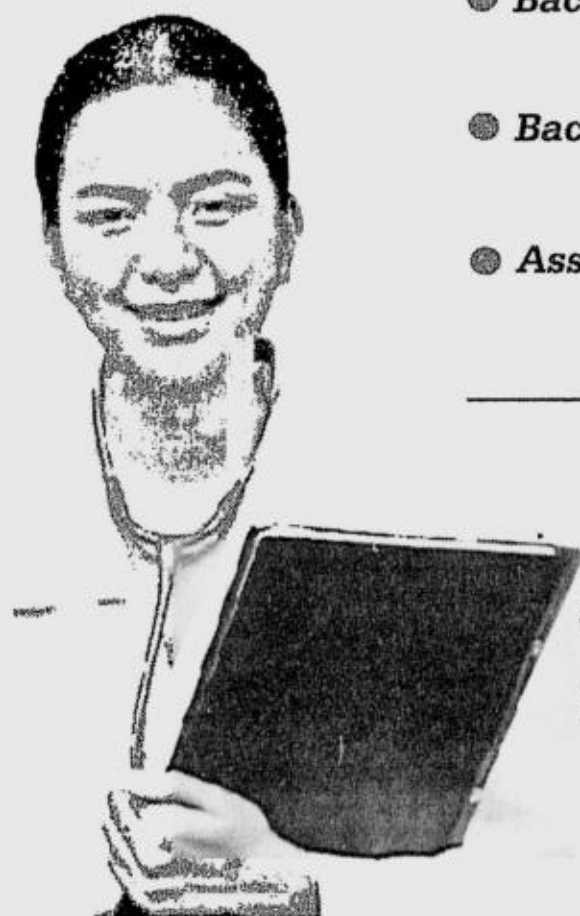
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The many charms of Camiguin Island

By Christine Godinez-Ortega
Camiguin Island

IT WASN'T for the lanzones festival that I came, for the second time, to Camiguin Island recently. On my second visit, I learned that the island's charms are varied like the directions of wind.

When and how Camiguin became a tourist destination with the lanzones as its come-on, would be intriguing to find out. After all, a Spanish manuscript published in 1890 mentions *abaca* as the only product that all farmers in Camiguin planted. The farmers also planted small quantities of cacao, rice, corn and sugar cane. But there was no mention of lanzones, although I prefer to pay attention to the natural resources and landmarks of any place I visit to enable me to bring back home memories etched forever in my mind.

Actually, Camiguin boasts of a blue lagoon in Benoni and an inactive crater which one can view, that is, if he can survive the steep climb up concrete steps. Another thrill is wading in water toward the white cross of a sunken cemetery that is now covered with corals.

Fishing

Or, if one fancies fishing, he can try catching fish in the small lake below the 30-meter high Katibawasan Falls with its surrounding cliffs shaped like a church, and, toward the afternoon, one could stroll on the grassy knoll within Catarman's Cota Bato church ruins to watch the variety of colors as the sun completes its spin in the sky.

And in the evening, one could soak away the day's cares in the hot pool at Ardent Spring.

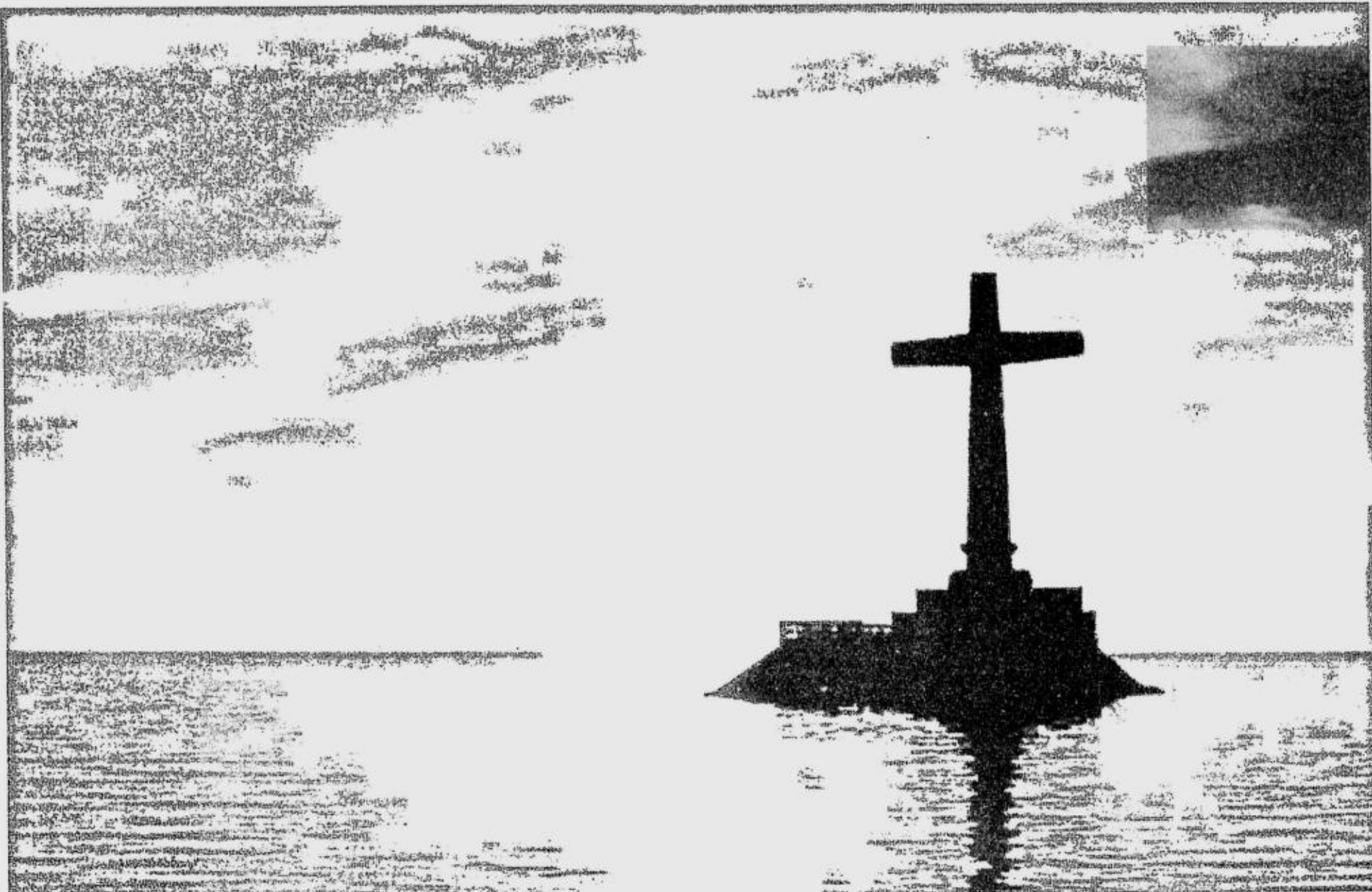
Yet it seems the most attractive for Camiguin visitors, like *INQUIRER* managing editor Joey Nolasco, is the shrunken sandbank of white sand which, during high tide, floats about a meter above the water. A marine biologist of the Mindanao State University-Iligan Institute of Technology said that this island has shrunk to its current size of half a hectare about 200 years ago.

It used to be bigger and covered with plants.

Souvenir

The slow shrinking of the island is not helped any by visitors who bring back, in plastic bags, white sand for souvenirs. Camiguin's local government and people should declare the white island a marine park to protect it,

'The slow shrinking of the island is not helped any by visitors who bring back, in plastic bags, white sand for souvenirs.'



MARKER of the sunken cemetery

the marine biologist said.

Unfortunately, I was able to visit only two places, together with a vibrant group of *INQUIRER* Mindanao correspondents. These are the sunken cemetery and the Catarman church ruins which, today, have been over-ran by moss, fern and baletre trees.

Made from coral, the buttresses and watchtower of the church are still visible. The watchtower, half buried, suggests that the church must have been of baroque architecture like other Philippine churches built in the late 1600s.

We hammed it up and did period poses for *INQUIRER* photo correspondent Ryan Lim and bureau chief Nico Alconaba on the grassy place within the ruins where hundreds of Camiguin folk sought refuge and died after a strong earthquake shook the island when the Catarman volcano erupted in 1871.

Erotic diary

Back at the Paras Beach Resort in Mambajao, a parish founded in 1855 according to the writings of

Camiguin's illustrious son, Vicente S. Ilio, I set aside my book which was beginning to bore me no matter its being an erotic diary of an anonymous Victorian.

I was reminded of the late Jesuit priest, Fr. Francisco Demetrio's story when Camiguin could talk and travel on her own.

One day, kalaw birds came to Camiguin and disrupted her peace and quiet with their calls echoing in the mountains. An annoyed Camiguin native complained to Bathala that she couldn't stand the noise anymore. She wanted to move out of the Agusan mainland, of which Camiguin was a part, in the mountainous terrain of North-eastern Mindanao.

Bathala agreed but told Camiguin that she could travel only for one night and that she will have to stay put wherever the dawn catches her. Bathala likewise prepared provisions for Camiguin in large baskets and ladles.

True enough, loud swooshes and thuds were heard the following night and Camiguin broke off from the Agusan mainland. All the kalaw birds sleeping in her forests drowned. Camiguin later surfaced in the Bohol Sea and throughout the night, she traveled along the coastal waters. Unknowingly, and as she neared Agusan, Camiguin dropped one of the ladles Bathala had given her. It floated about and was carried by billowing waves, finding rest near the Agusan River.

Ladle

When Camiguin realized that one of her ladles was missing, she sent an islet to look for it. But dawn was breaking and both the islet and Camiguin could no longer move as Bathala had foretold.

Where she stopped is where Camiguin stands today and the islet she sent out to look for the ladle is now the island of Sipaca in Talisayan. The gap in the Agusan mainland where Camiguin used to be found was soon filled with water and is known in Suri-

gao these days as Lake Mainit.

Camiguin today can no longer talk, but she still is like a human when she rises in anger each time her natural resources are disturbed. It seems, like mother nature, she hasn't forgotten the past.



PARADE in tribute of the lanzones, which Camiguin's historical records said was not grown until recently.

They're bombing my town

By Antonio Reyes Enriquez

THEY were all over then: Moro pirates raiding and burning the Christian towns of the Cuyo group, and Calamianes islands, and Mindoro, and Bicol in the eastern and northern regions of Las Islas Filipinas. The most infamous leaders of these raids were two datos, on opposite ends of Mindanao island: Datu Salikala of Jolo, and Datu Silonga of Buhayen, who in one of their campaigns captured more than 1,500 Christian villagers. Other Moro datos seeing how helpless the unprotected Christian villages were took to their pirate *salisipans* and went on a pillaging spree, too. More slaves for the slave markets of Borneo, Molucca islands, and the East Indies.

Then a new threat: the Sultans of Jolo and Maguindanao, Sali-ganya Bungsu and Cachil Kudarat, respectively. With these two new Moro forces, the problem wasn't just piracy, but the spread of Islam.

This was from 1599 AD to sometime 1630 AD, or thereabouts.

Fort

So, in 1635 they build a fort in

Zamboanga, right in the middle of the two sultans; denying Sultan Bungsu the straight passage to the east, and Sultan Kudarat Dumanguilas Bay and Basilan island. And soon after, the Moros besieged and attacked the fort. They bombarded it with everything they got; but never once succeeded setting a foot in it.

Once, pirate vessels were seen just off shore of the Zamboanga

settlement, ready to strike, but inexplicably turned away; no explanation until the devotees in a procession saw their statue of the Virgin of the Pillar embossed on the east wall, facing the sea, where the pirate vessels had been seen earlier.

And she stopped not just the pirates but natural calamities, too: late 17th century a great tidal wave threatened to swamp the Zamboanga settlement, and old folks said the Virgin suddenly appeared above the fort and waved the tidal wave back, saving the pueblo and its settlers from drowning.

Legend

In time, a legend grew: how the Virgin of the Pillar was the guardian of Zamboanga against infidels and natural calamities. So, in gratitude, the Zamboanguenos honor her every 12th of October, just as if she were La Inmaculada Concepcion, their patron saint; and the Moslems here pay homage to her also, in their own special way by

'It has made terrorism no longer an alien concern, us looking from the outside ...

Worse, the terrorists spawned a Christian vs Moslem thing.'

lighting candles before her shrine at the fort. She it is that has a special nook *un rincón* in the heart of the Zamboanguenos.

But last week, the terrorists bombed her home, Fort Pilar, shed blood on her lawn, and desecrated her image and icon: which never before was desecrated; not during the American and Japanese occupation, and even at the height of Moro piracy in the 17th century, and the Moro National Liberation Front (MNL) rebellion not too recently. Never-

until Sunday of the third week of October, 2002, by butchers, pigs, and animals!

Curses

And before that, when the terrorists bombed public places to high heavens here, murdering innocent civilians and in an instance an American soldier, we never cursed them and wished they'd be gnashing their teeth in hell: but we do now! For they have struck not just at buildings and murdered the innocent; but

at the citadel of our Christian faith and the icon of our protector and guardian: La Virgen del Pilar de Saragoza. It has made terrorism no longer an alien concern, us looking from the outside, an objective hurt for us; but singular, private, and above all: personal. But worse, the terrorists spawned a Christian vs. Moslem thing; when it was nothing but "they against them" affair.

Viva, la Virgen del Pilar de Saragoza!

The author is a multi-awarded writer of fiction and is the recipient of the Southeast Asian Write (not writer) award. An eminent son of Zamboanga, he is a descendant of the gobernadorcillo, Florencio Enriquez y Salomon who had been one of the island's pioneers and had led the suppression of a planned escape of prisoners detained in the Zamboanga settlement for piracy. At present, Tony, 66, resides in Cagayan de Oro City with his wife, Joy, and is working on his fifth novel on the Spanish-Moro wars in 1599-1604.

Luna gets export permit, goes on sale today

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presented an affidavit of ownership for "Parisian Life," described by Christie's auction firm as the "last gathering of great Filipinos on the eve of momentous events."

Salcedo got only a peek at the painting, which he said was "properly sealed" and guarded by agents of Christie's from Hong Kong and Singapore and the Moving Lane Forwarders hired by Nakpil.

On-the-spot processing

It did not leave the airport because Salcedo and his team from the National Museum went to the airport and processed the papers on the spot.

The 112-year-old Luna arrived at 8 p.m. Friday evening at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport via a Philippine Airlines flight out of Hong Kong. Nakpil was on hand to receive the painting. He reiterated that the painting came from his own art collection as part of his inheritance.

A highly knowledgeable source said that it would be placed on the auction block at a floor price of \$220,000 (roughly P11 million at the current exchange rate). Last August, Christie's had exhibited it in Singapore where art patrons reportedly expressed keen interest. Which is why it

is now up for auction.

Futile objections

The swift processing of the requisite permit brought to naught the efforts of Kim Camacho, wife of Finance Secretary Jose Isidro Camacho, to bar the export and sale of paintings that are at least 100 years old.

The BOC at the Naia had conducted an investigation on the alleged illegal exportation of the priceless painting.

An investigator told the INQUIRER it was illegal to put up the painting for auction if its shipment papers declared that it was only for exhibition.

It summoned its freight forwarder Moving Lane Forwarders to shed light on the matter.

On Thursday, Molina, customs officer-in-charge at the Naia, received a letter from Christie's telling the bureau of the auction house's intention of returning the painting to have it properly documented.

So, now the Luna has a formal export permit which mutes into futility the pleas of Francisca Nakpil-de Lange, 96, and her sister Mercedes Nakpil-Zalcita, 88, the daughters of Katipunan composer Julio Nakpil whose brother-in-law Bautista inherited the painting from Luna.

As of last night, a member of the Nakpil family expressed confidence that once returned here, the painting can no

longer be taken out of the country.

But he said the Nakpil sisters were not aware that the painting had been returned for proper documentation.

If somebody contests...

Salcedo earlier said the National Museum could stop the export of the painting if somebody contests the ownership foisted by Ramon Nakpil.

"Are we going to bring the two old ladies just so they will take action?" an exasperated member of the Nakpil family said.

Salcedo said the National Museum could not prevent the export and sale of "Parisian Life" because it is neither listed as a "national cultural treasure" or an "important cultural property," which are barred from being taken out of the country under a Marcos presidential decree.

He said that because the Luna was over 100 years old, it automatically falls under the category of "cultural property." Only the signature of the director of the National Museum is required for the painting to be taken out of the country.

Informed sources have told the INQUIRER that there was hope the Luna would stay in the country because two Filipino families have already sent representatives to today's auction to bid for the Luna and return it to the country where it rightly belongs.



CHRISTIE'S couriers escort Luna's painting to the Naia customs warehouse where it was immediately processed to legalize its export. ROGER MARGALLO

Sin leads debut of 'mysteries of light'

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moved to Saturday. Thursday would then be free for meditating on the 'mysteries of light.'

He also declared October 2002-October 2003 the year of the rosary.

Manila Auxiliary Bishop Socrates Villegas said the Pope "sees the whole papal ministry as dedicated to Mary. The culmination of his papacy is dedicated to the rosary."

Mary is the moon

"As a tribute to Mary, he initiated the five mysteries of light ... which focus even more on the life of Jesus," he said.

Villegas said devotion to Mary should lead us to Jesus. "So, Mary is like a moon. The moon does not have light by itself as it only reflects the light of the sun," he said.

"In praying the mysteries of the light, we focus on the life of Jesus, which is what the life of Mary is all about. Mary lived totally for Jesus," Villegas said.

Msgr. Hernando Coronel, executive secretary of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines, said the five new mysteries gave the rosary a complete picture of the life of Jesus and the Gospel.

Fr. Catalino Arevalo, a Jesuit theologian who is helping promote the



CARDINAL Sin introduces the "mysteries of light" at the Edsa Shrine on Thursday, Oct. 31 starting at 3 p.m. PDI PHOTO

praying of the rosary in the country, said the public

life of Jesus was not included in the joyful, sorrowful and glorious mysteries. "The Holy Father has included the mysteries of the public life of Jesus so that Catholics now will have a lot more to meditate on," Arevalo said.

He said the Pope's decree brought a significant change in the rosary. "This is the first time that the rosary

has been changed," he said.

Although it has its origins in the 12th century, the present form of the rosary was introduced in the "middle of the 16th century, maybe 1529," Arevalo said.

He said it was at the time that the "definite standardization of the rosary as we have known it (today was made) and it was established by Pope Saint Pius V (a Dominican Saint)."

Apec bubble bursts

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to rip.

Officials said no one was injured.

But the tent looked a sorry sight as it lay crumpled, flapping in the wind. Round tables stood in their places, still decked out with white linen and wine glasses waiting for guests who will not now arrive.

It was to be the venue of a spectacular dinner attended by well over 1,000 people on Saturday night, the social highlight of the annual 21-member Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (Apec) summit.

The guests were to include US President George W. Bush, Chinese President Jiang Zemin, Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi, South Korean President Kim Dae-jung and leaders of the other Apec members.

Tent with a view

The 7,000-square-meter tent was brought in and set up at the edge of a golf course with a view over the Pacific for the summit because none of the luxury hotels in Los Cabos, a plush resort at the tip of Mexico's Baja California peninsula, had ballrooms large enough to handle such an event.

Its designers and Mexican officials had said the bubble tent could withstand strong winds but had been worried earlier in the week as a powerful hurricane gathered strength out in the Pacific and raced toward the coastline.

Hurricane Kenna made landfall on Friday, not in Los Cabos but 300 miles to the south. It toppled trees, flooded homes and luxury hotels, and swamped fishing villages in and around the popular resorts of Mazatlan and Puerto Vallarta.

At the very outer edge of the storm, Los Cabos felt stiff winds but otherwise it was another gloriously hot, sunny day.

Officials said they were looking for alternative sites for the state dinner and might set it up in a hotel lobby. Reuters

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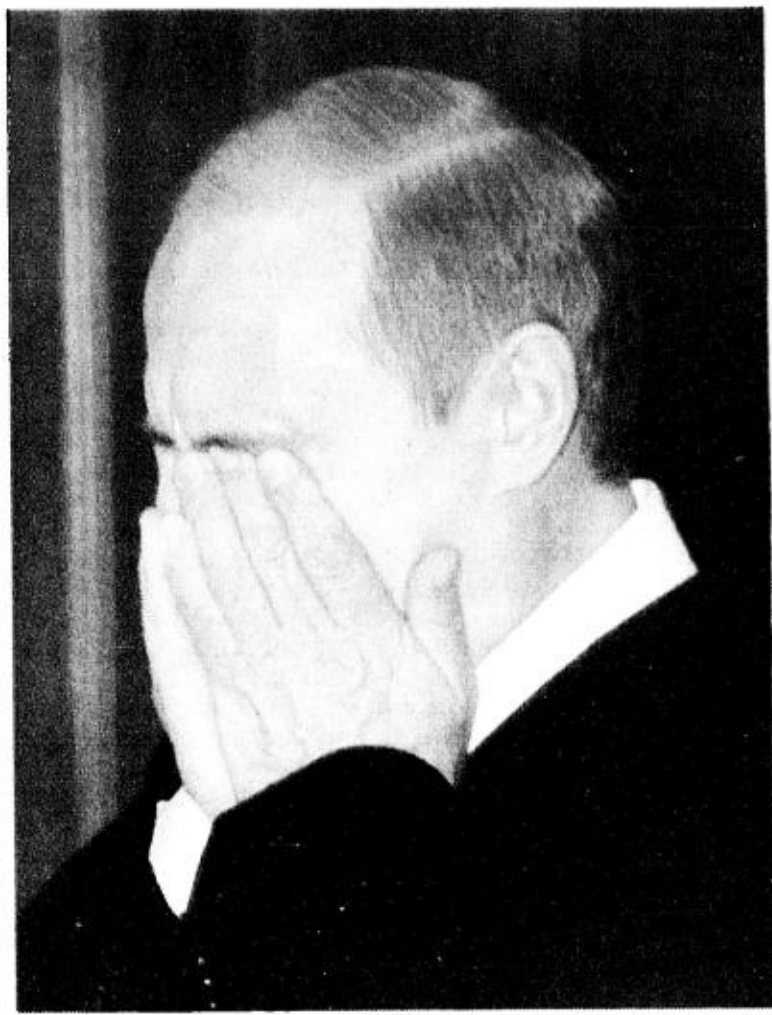
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RELEASED hostages in various stages of anguish and relief are quickly bused to the hospital.



AFP RUSSIAN President Vladimir Putin is viewed as having passed the toughest test yet of his two-and-a-half-year-old presidency. AFP

Moscow siege is over

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about 23, and most of the women, who were wearing explosive-packed belts.

The remaining fighters were all captured and rushed away by security officials. None of the special force officers was seriously hurt.

Russian television showed the blood-caked bodies of Chechen rebels who had been killed during the operation, including black-robed women with explosives strapped to their bodies.

The Interfax correspondent on the scene said he saw several detained rebels being led out of the theater. Prosecutors later said they had begun interrogating the prisoners.

Choking on vomit

Vasilyev denied that the gas, which he only described as "special substances," had caused any of the hostage deaths.

Moscow Echo radio had quoted doctors as saying some of them may have choked on their own vomit. A doctor from Moscow's main emergency hospi-

tal, Sklifosovsky, said he was treating 42 patients for gas poisoning.

Vasilyev also said police were checking whether surviving Chechen rebels were hiding among the surviving hostages, who had been quickly ferried off to hospitals before talking to waiting media.

Foreign hostages

Hospital sources said that 349 of the rescued hostages were receiving treatment, and that many of them were in serious condition. They did not immediately give details.

The foreign ministry said no foreign hostages were killed in the operation, but the statement was thrown into doubt by the higher toll figure.

The order for the assault was given by the deputy head of the FSB intelligence agency, Vladimir Pronichev, who headed the crisis cell, Vasilyev said, adding that he informed Putin of the end of the crisis later.

Some relatives of hostages said they had been terrified when

they learned troops would storm the theater to end the siege.

Like mystery, like a miracle

"All the parents were of the same opinion that the storming would be absolutely unacceptable. It's like a mystery, like a miracle for us. We were amazed that this could happen like this, without (many) casualties," said the father of one girl who had been among the hostages, and who survived.

Hours later, Putin visited the hostages receiving emergency treatment in a Moscow hospital.

In the hours and days following the hostage taking late Wednesday, Russian mediators tried to negotiate with the hostage-takers, while Red Cross and Doctors Without Borders workers were allowed to visit the captives.

After the initial releases of around 30 captives, most of them women and children, conditions deteriorated for the remaining hostages and media allowed to enter the theater reported that the rebels appeared very determined to carry out their threats.

The heavily armed rebels had set up a bomb inside the theater and mined the building, and had vowed there would be a blood-bath if Russian soldiers tried to force their way in.

Russian authorities had offered to guarantee the rebels' lives if they released the hostages.

Tough, effective leader

The guerrillas' daring raid had set Putin the toughest test of his two-and-a-half years in the Kremlin.

His startling rise to the presidency was largely based on his sending troops back into Chechnya in 1999 after a three-year absence, a popular move which earned him a reputation as a tough and effective leader.

Humiliated by the audacious rebel attack, Putin went on national television on Friday evening to say he was open to talks with Chechen guerrillas, but under his terms.

"We are open to any kind of contacts," a somber Putin said in his second set of televised comments since the attack.

He insisted that past conditions stood, notably that sepa-

ratists lay down their weapons. Moscow also rejects any idea of independence for Chechnya, which Russian troops first invaded to crush a separatist movement in December 1994.

Some analysts have said that the siege would almost certainly tarnish his position, if only for showing that the law-and-order regime he promised was not very effective if a band of heavily armed guerrillas could so easily take over a crowded building in the capital.

But one bystander, Igor Konstantinov, in his 60s, was in no doubt about what he thought.

Only one choice

"Putin has only one choice. (United States President George W.) Bush showed the world what to do with these bastards after Sept. 11. It's Putin's turn to liquidate them in Russia."

Putin links Russia's conflict in Chechnya to the US-led global war on terrorism, which he enthusiastically backed after last year's Sept. 11 attacks on the United States.

The siege and its closeness to the heart of Russia are certain to raise new questions over how the Kremlin should deal with the protracted secessionist war in the tiny North Caucasus region.

Though Putin won over voters with his hardline approach, many question whether it is succeeding and point to a series of humiliations of the military by Chechen rebels in recent months.

But one analyst, speaking before the siege was over, feared that what he had seen as glimmers of hope for a change in Kremlin policy to seek a political, rather than military solution, could have now been snuffed out by the theater attack.

Russian Interior Minister Boris Gryzlov was quoted by local news agencies as saying over 30 people "who tried to help the terrorists" had been detained in locations across Moscow.

But he was also quoted as saying he had ordered his ministry to take measures to prevent any upsurge of anti-Chechen feelings in all parts of Russia. **AFP and Reuters**

Chechen rebel leader comes to Moscow to die

MOSCOW—Movsar Barayev, the leader of the Chechen hostage-takers who had vowed to die for his cause, was killed early Saturday as Russian forces stormed the Moscow theater where he had held out for three days with up to 50 rebels.

He was killed in the pre-dawn attack, a Kremlin official quoted by the Interfax news agency said, as Russian forces stormed the theater when the rebel deadline of 6 a.m. (10 a.m. in Manila) to start killing some 700 hostages neared.

Barayev was the nephew of Arbi Barayev, a feared Chechen warlord killed last year in the southern Russian breakaway republic, and was thought to lead a band of about 300 rebels known for their violence and cruelty.

He had said since the start of the hostage-taking operation late Wednesday that he was prepared to die in the stunning operation and had threatened to shoot the hostages unless Russia agreed to wind up the three-year war in Chechnya.

He was the only member of the hostage-takers to have appeared on Russian television during the crisis without a mask.

Seated and wearing a camouflage outfit, clean-shaven, he wore a black cap.

On the website belonging to the radical independence group, Kavkaz.org, Barayev stressed the hostage-takers were on a suicide mission and had "come to Moscow to die, not to survive."

Russian security forces say they knew little about Barayev before the current crisis, and claim he has never led a major operation against Russian troops.

The head of the Chechen police, Said-Selim Peshkhov, described him as a middle-ranking

rebel leader who might well answer to a more senior figure within the Chechen independence movement.

Peshkhov said Barayev had never had command of a large group of rebels and only a handful of fighters showed unquestioning devotion to him.

But according to a source within the FSB (the Russian security services), in July 2001 he inherited the command of a group of rebels previously loyal to his uncle, who had been killed a month earlier during a Russian military operation.

There were around 300 rebels, all members of the radical Wahhabi Islamic movement, in the force, according to the Russian military.

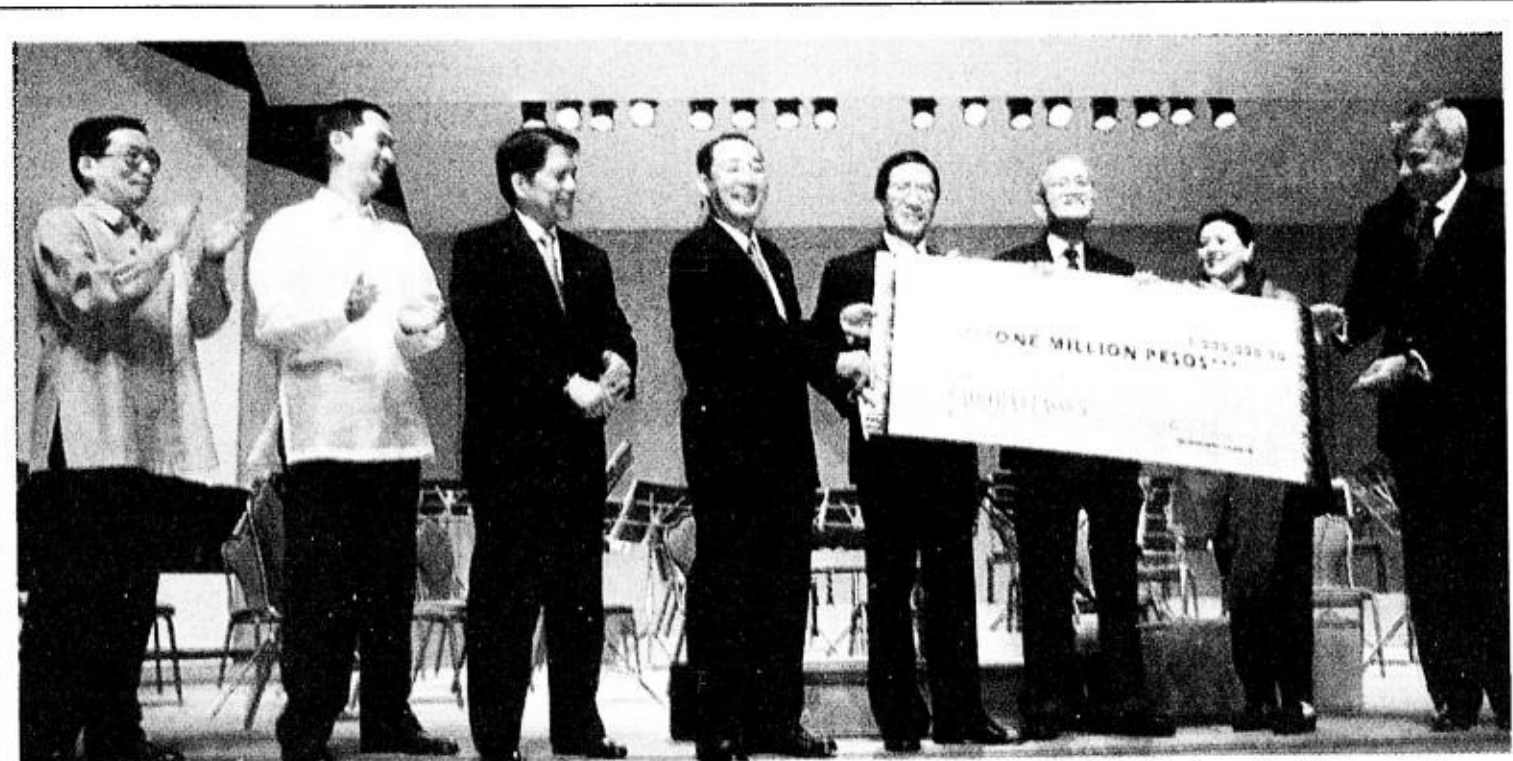
Toward the end of the first Chechen war, between 1994-96, the group had specialized in kidnappings, only releasing hostages after a ransom had been paid.

Newspaper reports in Moscow say Barayev was born in 1979 in Argun, where he completed his secondary education, although other sources claim he spent his early years in the village of Mesker-Yurt, about 5 km from Ir-gun.

The pro-Russian Chechen police had claimed on at least two occasions to have killed him.

Barayev's uncle, Arbi Barayev, was responsible for kidnapping three Britons and a New Zealander who were later found with their throats cut in December 1998.

The independence leader Aslan Maskhadov had long since distanced himself from Arbi, demoting him from the rank of general to a private, and relations between the two men were extremely strained. **AFP**



A MILLION THANKS. Toyota's donation is turned over to Tabang executives during its 13th annual classics staged last Friday at the Meralco Theater. From left to right: David Go, Arthur Ty, Antonio Abacan, Ushio Shirai, Toyota president, Nobuhato Tabata, Ambassador Howard Dee, Alexandra Prieto-Romualdez and Fernando Zobel de Ayala. **ROMY HOMILLADA**

Toyota gives P1M to Tabang Mindanaw

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tims of the severe drought in 1998, while Tabang Mindanaw II-aided the refugees displaced by the government's all-out war with the Moro Islamic Liberation Front three years ago.

The deportees are mostly illegal immigrants rounded by Malaysian police when Malaysia's tough new immigration laws took effect on Aug. 1. The deportation created a diplomatic row between Manila and Kuala Lumpur as many of the Filipinos were jailed without enough food. Some of the women were raped by their Malaysian guards, prompting President Macapagal-Arroyo to send a letter of protest to Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad.

The deportees, mostly from Sulu and Tawi-Tawi, left for Malaysia in search of job opportunities. Many others left to avoid the war in Mindanao. Since January 2002, about 16,327 Filipinos have been documented to have arrived in Western Mindanao. There are around 250,000 to 300,000 deportable Filipinos in Sabah.

Tabang Mindanaw III's Peace and Development Program is being launched to respond to

the long-term needs of the marginalized sectors in three of the poorest provinces: Basilan, Sulu and Tawi-Tawi. Sulu is ranked 78th (the lowest) in poverty incidence, followed by Tawi-Tawi at 77, and Basilan at 74. Sulu's per capita income in 2000 was the lowest at P7,850.00. The per capita income in Tawi-Tawi was P11,349.00, and Basilan, P13,193.00.

Seaweed processing

Tabang III seeks to help the deportees mainly through the creation of permanent workplaces. The program, to be pilot tested in Tawi-Tawi, will seek to integrate peace and development strategies at the community level. Its two major thrusts are (1) livelihood programs on seaweed processing, salt making and fish processing; and (2) education. Community organizing, health, and capacity and institution building will support these thrusts.

One mechanism on the ground is the formation of a consortium of stakeholder implementors using a convergence strategy. A parallel national consortium will provide technical, financial and program management support.

The national consortium is initially composed of the Tabang Mindanaw, the Philippine Business for Social Progress, Peace and Equity

Foundation, the Countryside Development Foundation, PDAP and LGSP; and the Office of Presidential Senior Consultant Paul Dominguez.

The national consortium will coordinate with the local consortium composed of the provincial and municipal governments of Tawi-Tawi, local government agencies, NGO partners and religious leaders.

To date, Tabang III has raised more than P13.6 million from donor partners such as the Assisi Development Foundation, AY Foundation, Ayala Group of Companies, Metrobank Foundation and the Presidential Social Fund. It also received contributions from anonymous donors, including public donations through the various ATM bank-partners.

The Philippine Daily Inquirer co-chairs Tabang Mindanaw together with the Ayala and Assisi Foundations.

Toyota turned over its donation during the 13th Annual Toyota Classics held last Friday at the Meralco theater featuring Spain's Cadaques Orchestra under the baton of French conductor Philippe Entremont, as well as Spanish solo guitarist Jose Maria Gallardo del Rey, and Filipino tenor Leodigario B. del Rosario. **Milet Mendoza, contributor**

WORLD SERIES
Giants eye clincher

The 3-year-old-and-up Sprint, to be run on the dirt, has a titillating total purse of \$1.1 million. The winner gets \$592,800, the

Kalookan has earned over \$1 million, and was the Grade 1 winner of the Santa Monica Handicap, the Potrero Grande Breeders Cup and the Rancho Bernardo Handicap out on the West Coast.

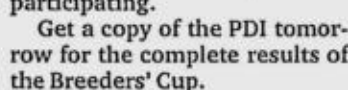
"You start setting goals, and that's another goal I thought about today," Giants manager

Darren broke loose Thursday night in a 16-4 romp over the Angels at Pacific Bell Park, heading out to retrieve Kenny Lofton's bat. Trouble was, three Giants were running the bases at the time.



Baker said he got a call Friday from Sandy Alderson, executive vice president of baseball operations in the commissioner's office. "He told me to watch out," Baker said.

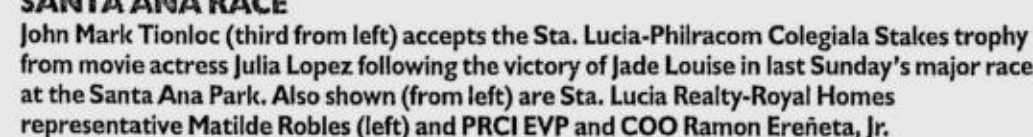
Aside from keeping an eye on erring jockeys or even horseowners, trainers and grooms, the Philracom is also bent on ridding the races of illegal bookie joints. The racing body has also doubled its security personnel around the saddling paddocks of both race clubs to dissuade anybody from



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MELBOURNE—Nortberry won the Australian leg of the World Series of Racing Championship for the second time on Saturday with a stirring victory in the Cox Plate over 2,040 metres at Moonee Valley. The six-year-old gelding from Western Australia held off the fast finishing Sydney five-year-old Defier by a length and British import Grandera to become only the third horse in the last 35 years to win back-to-back Cox Plates. New Zealand mare Sunline, Australasia's most successful stakeswinner with earnings in excess of \$11 million (\$US5.6 million), finished fourth in her farewell appearance.

Junior finalists include silver medalist Jake Banawa of San Beda; bronze medalist Jayson Salubre of DLSU-Taft; Abraham Bayron of Adamson University; Agoo, La Union bet Dino Ballecar; and Freddie Talaboc of San Beda.

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3RD SUCCESSFUL DEFENSE

Pacquiao wins by 1st round KO

By June Navarro

DAVAO CITY—Manny Pacquiao, unleashing killer punches without letup, stopped Fahprakorb Rakkiatgym of Thailand in the first round last night to retain the IBF world superbantamweight crown before a near-sellout crowd at the Rizal Memorial College gym here.

The knockout came with only 16 seconds left in the first of a scheduled 12-round fight.

The 26-year-old Pacquiao floored the Thai four times with his fists blazing right at the opening bell to successfully defend his crown for the third straight time—all by stoppage.

From the very start, Pacquiao looked set for an early knockout.

Just seconds into the fight, Pacquiao decked Rakkiatgym with a right to the face, sending a celebrity-dotted crowd that included Mayor Rudy Duterte, Secretary Heherson Alvarez and Rep. Miguel Zubiri to its feet.

When Rakkiatgym fell for the fourth time and lay sprawled on the canvass with dazed eyes, referee Bruce McTavish immediately ended the carnage.

It was the first knockout loss for the 27-year-old Rakkiatgym, ranked No. 1 to become a mandatory challenger for the General Santos-born Pacquiao.

"Nakita ko yung pagkakataon na patulugin agad siya kaya hindi na ako nag-aksaya pa ng panahon. (I saw the opportunity to knock him out and I didn't waste time to do it)," said Pac-

quiao, who scored his 26th knockout in pocketing his 35th win against two losses and one draw.

The badly-battered Rakkiatgym lay on his back for a few minutes after absorbing the fourth knockdown. He was carried on a wheelchair by his handlers and brought to a nearby hospital for checkup.

"It's standard procedure. We sent Rakkiatgym to the hospital as a precautionary measure," said Games and Amusements Board resident doctor, Nasser Cruz.

Pacquiao floored Rakkiatgym for the first time with a right to the chin just a few seconds after the starting bell.

Seconds later, Pacquiao sneaked in a left uppercut that again decked Rakkiatgym.

After the Thai rose and beat the referee's count anew, he absorbed several more telling blows as Pacquiao kept charging like a wild bull.

When Rakkiatgym survived the assault after falling a third time, this only angered Pacquiao all the more.

With his wife Jinky watching at ringside, Pacquiao went for the kill, chasing the Thai all over the ring before banging home the killer right that sent Rakkiatgym down the canvass for the fourth time—never to rise again.

It was a Pacquiao show all the way. The challenger never landed a significant blow as Pacquiao was all over him from the opening bell with punches thrown all over.

"Halo-halo na ang nararamdaman ko habang lumalaban si Manny. Takot, kaba at iba pa. Basta nagdasal na lang ako na sana manalo siya. (I had mixed emotions while Manny was in the thick of the fight. I just prayed for his victory)," said Jinky, who left their two sons, Emmanuel Jr., 2, and Michael Stephen, 1, under the care of their relatives at home.

Jinky said they would use Manny's earnings to start a pawnshop and



PACQUIAO (left) watches Rakkiatgym going down for the fourth and last time in the first round.

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lending business. She said they would buy more tracks of land in Mindanao.

Pacquiao recently purchased a P1.5-million house at El Rio in Davao City.

Pacquiao will get P4 million from his P8-million purse, with the rest to be split by his managers, Rod Nazario and Marty Elorde.

Nazario, Pacquiao's business manager since 1995, said the former WBC flyweight champion would either meet ex-WBA titlist Bone Adams of the United States or Tim Austin, the IBF bantamweight king.

Nazario said other plans include a unification showdown against WBC superbantamweight champion Willie Jorin of the United States.

Solar-IBC 13 NBA package inked; Lakers debut Oct. 31

SOLAR Entertainment Corporation, the local television carrier of the National Basketball Association, will now be airing the NBA games on IBC-13 for the next four years.

This was announced yesterday by Solar president William Tieng following the formal contract signing between Tieng and IBC-13 president and chief operating officer Renato Bello.

Solar's schedule on IBC-13 kicks off with a blockbuster match-up pitting the reigning three-time NBA champion Los Angeles Lakers against the talent-laden Portland Trailblazers on Oct. 31.

The four-year agreement between Solar and IBC-13 means that Solar will now be airing the NBA games on two television channels: on IBC-13 every Monday and Thursday (7-9:30 p.m.) and on the new 24-hour Filipino sports channel, the Solar Sports Network, which is seen in Manila exclusively on Skycafe and Homecable on Channel 29 and in over 200 other cable operators nationwide.

The NBA games will be aired live every day on the Solar Sports Network, with replays in the evening at either 9:30 p.m. (Mondays and Thursdays) or 7 p.m. (for the rest of the week).

Tieng said the IBC-13 games will be different from the Solar Sports Network games, which means that Solar will be airing two NBA games a day on Mondays and Thursdays on two different channels.

Solar will be airing a total of 48 NBA games on IBC-13 during the NBA regular season from Oct. 30 to April 2003 and the NBA



SOLAR's Tieng (left) with IBC's Bello during the contract signing.

Playoffs beginning May.

In an unprecedented agreement with the NBA, Solar will have exclusive telecast rights in the Philippines to the NBA Conference Finals (both East and West) and the NBA Finals in late-May and June 2003, which Solar will air on IBC-13 and the Solar Sports Network.

The IBC-13 NBA schedule includes 1Q games apiece of the reigning champion Lakers and the Steve Francis/Yao Ming-led Houston Rockets and nine games of the Sacramento Kings.

Michael Jordan and the Washington Wizards will be seen six times. The schedule also has a sprinkling of games featuring the Dallas Mavericks, New Jersey Nets, Toronto Raptors, Philadelphia 76ers and San Antonio Spurs. Overall, 25 of the NBA's 29 teams will be seen on IBC-13.

UE routs Ateneo, seeks crown today

GAME TODAY (Rizal Memorial Coliseum)
3 p.m.—Ateneo vs UE

By Dennis U. Eroa

UNIVERSITY of the East outgunned reigning UAAP titlist Ateneo, 86-69, yesterday and moved to within a victory of ending its long search for a title in the Battle of the Champions at the Araneta Coliseum.

The Red Warriors pounded the sluggish Eagles all throughout the one-sided game and will gun for the crown today in Game Two of the best-of-three titular series for the benefit of the Bantay Bata Foundation of ABS-CBN.

Looking tired and playing without their usual intensity, the Eagles failed to seriously challenge the Red Warriors, whose last major

title came in the 1985 UAAP cage wars.

Paul Artadi, whose last-second boner enabled Ateneo to escape defeat in the UAAP Final Four, shared scoring honors with James Yap and Ronald Tubid with 15 points apiece, but it was the underdog mettle of Rolly Masbang which proved decisive in the end.

The 6-foot-3 Masbang frolicked undemeath, clustering eight straight points as UE stayed ahead for good, 80-66, barely two minutes remaining.

UE 86-Yap 15, Artadi 15, Tubid 15, Ompling 13, Masbang 11, Estrada 7, Canaleta 4, Hubalde 3, Almirante 2, Butal 1.

ATENEU 69-Gonzales 13, Villanueva 10, Fonacier 10, Alvarez 9, Tenorio 8, Chia 5, Del Rosario 5, Cruz 4, Quimpo 3, Tadeo 2.

Quarters: 25-16, 46-38, 72-55, 86-69

WORLD AMATEUR GOLF

Que shares 2nd; RP running 4th

KUALA LUMPUR—Angelo Que shot an eagle-spiked 3-under-par 69 yesterday, boosting his bid for the individual title and pushing Team Philippines to a tie for fourth in the World Amateur Golf Championships at the Saujan Golf & Country Club's Bunga Raya course here.

With his earlier rounds of 72-70, the two-time Philippine Amateur titlist posted a 54-hole total of 211, good for a three-way tie for second place with Australian Marcus Fraser, who fired a day-best 67, and American Hunter Mahan (71).

French Greg Gourdy kept the lead with a 71, but was just one stroke away from his pursuers at 210.

The 23-year-old Que's effort enabled the Filipinos to climb to fourth in the team standings with a third round 143 and a 434 aggregate.

Reigning Southeast Asian Games champion Juvic Pagunsan contributed a 74 while Jerome Delariarte's 78 did not count.

France pulled away with one round left following a 139 and a 425 total,

three up on the United States, which carded a 142=428.

Australia vaulted to third with its 137=432, overtaking the Philippines and Austria, which also netted a 434.

Que, trying to atone for his so-so stint in the recent Busan Asian Games, eagled the par 5 sixth hole and birdied the third, fourth, seventh, 16th and 17th. His bogeys came on the fifth, 11th, 14th and 15th, giving him nines of 32-37. Roy Luarda



QUE



FUTURE STARS

Kids 9-10 years old dish it out during the recent Adidas Predator Cup at the Silliman Ballfield in Dumaguete City through the Kasibulan 6-12 Grassroots Development Program of the Philippine Football Federation in cooperation with the Department of Education.

SPORTSWATCH

Uwak Cup Oct. 29 at W'Wack

THE 1ST Uwak Cup will be held on Oct. 29 at Wack West, Ladies chapter president Elo Campus announced. The Stableford System will be used for both men's and women's divisions. The shotgun tee-off is at 7 a.m. and 10 p.m. Emcees during the awarding and raffle ceremonies are Aileen Litonjua and comedian Gary Lising. The major sponsors are Bingo Bonanza, Bridgestone, Hershey Chocolates, Lee Kum Kee, San Miguel Corporation, Splash Manufacturing Corp. and Waterfront Philippines, Inc.

Silverio snatches pole position

FILIPINO Jojo Silverio came through in the last minute to snatch pole position in today's final leg of the 2002 Asian Formula Challenge at the Subic International Raceway. From the onset, the 30-minute qualifying session proved exciting and dramatic as Silverio and Castrol Ambi Pur driver Mark Goddard of the United Kingdom traded hot laps in front of a worked-up crowd inside the Subic Bay Freeport. With just a few minutes left in the session, Goddard bumped Silverio off the top of the time sheets with a seemingly unbeatable time of 1 minute 13.369 seconds. Thinking that it was all over, Silverio's Casino Filipino Team Tom's Zed ordered their driver to pit in. Silverio, however, signaled his crew for one more lap and when he got the go ahead, he submitted a blazing 1:13.337-.032 of a second ahead of Goddard-to the delight of his team.

Milo salutes Mikee, other Asiad medalists

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Battling the cold weather and the region's best athletes in Busan, South Korea, they held the country's colors high.

Filipino athletes faced intense competition, but their training and mindset prepared them for the challenge. The pay-off: Filipino athletes elicited admiration as they did their best, in the process winning precious medals for the country.

The first gold medal came from the men's bowling doubles through Paeng Nepomuceno, undisputedly the country's best bowler of the century, and RJ Bautista.

Another gold came from cue masters Francisco "Django" Bustamante and Antonio Lining. The winning duo once again showed the world that Filipinos are the kings of billiards as they ruled the 9-ball doubles competition.

On the final day, Filipina equestrienne Mikaela "Mikee" Cojuangco-Jaworski captured the third gold for the Philippines. The victory came two days after the country's equestrienne team of Mikee, Toni Leviste, Danielle Cojuangco and Michelle Barrera bagged a silver medal in the team competition.

Filipina bowlers also made a mark in the Asian Games as they finished with a silver



MIKEE

won by Irene Benitez, while Efrén "Bata" Reyes settled for the bronze in the 8-ball billiards competition. The diligence and precision of our rowing and shooting teams earned more medals for the country as they were awarded bronzes.

The Philippines' taekwondo jins, wushu and karate athletes also turned in remarkable performances with a haul of 12 medals.

Milo, the official energy drink of the Philippine Team to the 14th Asian Games, joins the nation in saluting the Filipino athletes, who showed in Busan what grit and determination are all about.

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			October 30	October 31	1	2
			SAN ANTONIO Spurs vs LOS ANGELES Lakers 11:30 am - Live / 7 pm - Replay	DALLAS Mavericks vs MEMPHIS Grizzlies 9 am - Live / 9:30 pm - Replay LOS ANGELES Lakers vs PORTLAND Trailblazers 7 pm on IBC-13	PORTLAND Trailblazers vs SACRAMENTO Kings 11 am - Live / 7 pm - Replay	INDIANA Pacers vs NEW JERSEY Nets 8:30 am - Live / 7 pm - Replay
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TORONTO Raptors vs HOUSTON Rockets 9:30 am - Live / 7 pm - Replay	PORTLAND Trailblazers vs LOS ANGELES Lakers 10:30 am - Live / 9:30 pm - Replay SACRAMENTO Kings vs MIAMI Heat 7 pm on IBC-13	SAN ANTONIO Spurs vs MEMPHIS Grizzlies 9 am - Live / 7 pm - Replay	WASHINGTON Wizards vs MINNESOTA Timberwolves 9 am - Live / 7 pm - Replay	NEW JERSEY Nets vs MILWAUKEE Bucks 10:30 am - Live / 9:30 pm - Replay DALLAS Mavericks vs TORONTO Raptors 7 pm on IBC-13	LOS ANGELES Lakers vs BOSTON Celtics 8:30 am - Live / 7 pm - Replay	MEMPHIS Grizzlies vs SACRAMENTO Kings 11:30 am - Live / 7 pm - Replay
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PHILADELPHIA 76ers vs MILWAUKEE Bucks 9:30 am - Live / 7 pm - Replay	SACRAMENTO Kings vs ATLANTA Hawks 10 am - Live / 9:30 pm - Replay LOS ANGELES Clippers vs ORLANDO Magic 7 pm on IBC-13	PORTLAND Trailblazers vs DALLAS Mavericks 9:30 am - Live / 7 pm - Replay	TORONTO Raptors vs ORLANDO Magic 8 am - Live / 7 pm - Replay	MINNESOTA Timberwolves vs NEW ORLEANS Hornets 9:30 am - Live / 9:30 pm - Replay DALLAS Mavericks vs TORONTO Raptors 7 pm on IBC-13	ORLANDO Magic vs LOS ANGELES Clippers 11 am - Live / 7 pm - Replay	SACRAMENTO Kings vs SEATTLE SuperSonics 9:30 am - Live / 7 pm - Replay
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Woman texted boyfriend just before her slay

By Leila B. Salaverria

"GRABE. Sarado pa ang MRT malayo pa ang lalakaran ko (This is terrible. The MRT is not open yet and I may have to walk far)."

This was the last text message that Mark Anthony Abaroa received from his girlfriend Melba Espalardo at 5 a.m. Friday morning after she left his home.

At 5:15 a.m., Abaroa received a call from Espalardo's phone, but when he answered it, nobody spoke on the other end.

At 5:25 a.m., security guard Domingo Onoja was making his rounds at the MRT Guadalupe station when he found the bloodied body of a woman who had been stabbed dead. Her pants and underwear had been pulled down.

The dead woman was Espalardo.

Police yesterday confirmed the identity of the dead woman found beside the elevator at the overpass of the MRT Guadalupe station.

Espalardo, 20, an employee of the Jollibee fast food restaurant on Reposo Street, also in Makati, and a resident of Pasay City, was identified by her boyfriend Abaroa, according to P03 Leonides Francisco of the Makati police.

Abaroa, 20, also an employee of Jollibee at the Global City in Taguig, told police that Espalardo left his home on Guadalupe Nuevo at about 4:45 a.m. to go home to Pasay.

She never got home.

There were several stab wounds on Espalardo's body, police said.

They added they had a hard time identifying her because they did not find any identi-

WOMAN/A24

Brothers lost and found

By Dulce Festin-Baybay
Contributor

DEC. 20, 2000.

The Mueller brothers—Jahn, 9, Mark 6, and Gerd 5—decided to go caroling. Their mother Marilyn, 32, had the flu and was asleep while their father Albert, 34, was at work. They boys would later say they wanted to earn money so they could go to Bicol to visit relatives.

From their house in Barangay Dita, Sta. Rosa, Laguna, the boys wandered off until, later in the night, they found themselves lost.

Back home, their sister Jennifer, 7, woke up their mother who immediately looked for her sons. She knew Jahn liked to go out and explore places.

Marilyn and her German-born husband Albert, who is a trader and is active in NGO work, went as far as Muntinlupa City in search of their lost boys. In the next couple of days, they reported the children's disappearance to 10 police stations, five offices of the Department of Social Welfare and Development, 134 barangay halls in Laguna and the Philippine National Railway stations.

They also posted fliers in 83 train stations between Manila and Bicol.

After a month, the Muellers had to go to Bicol to attend the funeral of Marilyn's grandmother. To their surprise, they found Jahn and Mark there, having arrived only a day ahead of them.

But Gerd was not with his brothers. He had been separated from them weeks earlier, his brothers said.

The couple learned that the two boys had been found wandering in the Muntinlupa mar-

BROTHERS/A24

Still waiting for witnesses

THE FAMILY of Dexter Ledesma, 34, who was killed in a motorcycle mishap on the South Expressway, is still looking for witnesses to the accident.

Ledesma was traveling on the north bound lane of the expressway between 2 and 3 p.m. on Sept. 2 and was about 500 to 700 meters past the Mapagong overpass when he was killed. Witnesses or anyone who has information on the accident may call tel. no. 853-0439, 373-7236 or cell phone number 0917-982-3566.

Victim was Jollibee
Makati employee



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Moratorium on road work

By Leila B. Salaverria and Tina Santos

THE METRO Manila Development Authority will impose a three-day moratorium on road-work in streets leading directly to cemeteries in order to ease the vehicular and pedestrian traffic when the country marks the day of the dead.

The moratorium will be in effect from Oct. 31 to Nov. 2, said MMDA Traffic Operations Center Director Angelito Vergel de Dios.

He said contractors would be notified to stop all the road work on those days, and those who would not obey would be sanctioned.

"If they don't stop, we will cover all their diggings and they will be fined P20,000," Vergel de Dios said.

The contractors would also be made to cover the excavations in order to prevent accidents, he added.

Vergel de Dios stressed that only projects involving roads leading directly to the cemeteries would have to follow the moratorium.

He said the MMDA's traffic enforcers would be deployed in full force during the four-day holiday beginning Oct. 31.

He said the traffic enforcers on Edsa would be lessened and those pulled out would be assigned to help direct traffic on the roads to the cemeteries.

Transportation Secretary Leandro Mendoza and the National Capital Region Police Office chief, Deputy Director General Reynaldo Velasco, said their offices were coordinating to ensure a peaceful Nov. 1.

Mendoza said the Action Center of the Department of Transportation and Communications would deploy personnel and mobile patrols in strategic areas, especially where cemeteries are located, the north- and south-bound provincial routes, at bus stations and at the North Harbor.

He said the teams will be equipped with basic first-aid kits, radio transceivers and mobile phones.

The DOTC hotline, 7890, is open 24 hours to receive calls from the public about complaints and assistance, he said.

Velasco added: "Police assistance centers will be set up in cemeteries, additional uniformed personnel will be deployed in bus stations, and security forces will be increased at public communication facilities, government buildings and other vital installations."

In northern Metro Manila starting today, additional policemen will be assigned to bus stations, particularly in Monumento, Caloocan City, to protect commuters from petty criminals, according to the Northern Police District director, Senior Supt. Marcelino Franco Jr.

He said public assistance centers would be set up inside the cemeteries in Caloocan, Malabon, Navotas and Valenzuela.

Policemen would conduct patrols and assist motorists along major roads leading to and from cemeteries, he said.

Franco said police would be coordinating closely with the Traffic Management Group in the district.



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FIGUERAS

10 outstanding boy scouts named

"WE HAVE high hopes for you. I shall not say good luck, because luck comes to those who work for it. But you have our best wishes for success."

Makati Mayor Jejomar Binay was addressing the winners of the search for the 10 outstanding boy scouts. Binay is also the president of the Boy Scouts of the Philippines.

The winners were chosen from 25 finalists who represented the 10 scouting regions in the country. The finalists in turn were selected from hundreds of candidates from 106 local councils nationwide.

Sponsored by Coca-Cola, the annual search is the biggest event in the scouting calendar for the country's 1.7 million scouts. The nationwide

search begins in July and culminates in the awarding ceremonies in October, which is also Scouting Month.

The contest is for boy scouts (10 to 17 years old) and senior scouts (13 to 17 year old) who are Filipino citizens and at least third or fourth year high school students.

Among the criteria for the selection of winners are community service, scholastic leadership or involvement in school-related activities, character development and bearing, and interview.

Each winner will receive a two-year college scholarship, cash and other prizes.

Binay also urged the scouts to be ready for what is happening in the

country. "If scouting does not teach us to deal with real life, then we will be irrelevant."

Last year, a former winner in the search, Ateneo student Marvin Go, 18, won the first Asia-Pacific Regional Award for Outstanding Scout at the 20th Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Conference in New Delhi.

This year's winners are Jerome G. Petalcorin, Cebu; Kendwin Eddrick Y. Ku, Manila; Mac Rayssun H. Sari, Batangas City; Marvin A. Segura, Iloilo; Rojo Sandino A. Ilagan, Baguio City; Calvin Kiel M. Sangalang, Bulacan; Ronnel Z. Abrenica, Lipa City; Ben B. Secretario, Iriga City; Miguel Inigo K. de la Cruz, Davao City; and Maurice Albert R. Figueras, Makati.

Caloocan dad seeks kid ban

By Tina Santos

A CALOOCAN councilor wants computer and video game arcade owners in the city to forbid children 15 years old and below from entering their premises during school hours.

In a proposed ordinance, Councilor Henry P. Cammayo observed that operators of most gaming establishments allow students to play computer and video games even during school hours.

The first district councilor wants the minors to be banned from the video and computer arcades on school days from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Cammayo said the unregulated operation of video and computer game shops has raised the concern of parents.

"While recognizing the rights of owners and operators' of video and computer game shops to pursue business, their operation should be regulated, especially when it affects the welfare of the youth," Cammayo said.

Malacañang sergeant shoots self in front of stunned colleagues

By Jerome Aning

CHARLES Baquiran, a Philippine Air Force sergeant, reportedly committed suicide in front of his shocked colleagues in the motor pool of Malacañang Friday night.

But police have yet to determine why Baquiran, 44, of Palmera Homes, San Jose del Monte City, Bulacan, decided to kill himself.

SPO4 Alfredo Salazar said Baquiran and his colleagues were having a drink at about 8:30 p.m. Friday at the back of the Transportation Motor Platoon office of the Mala-

cañang motor pool when Baquiran suddenly drew his .45-caliber service pistol, cocked it and pointed it to his left temple.

SPO4 Salazar said Baquiran's friends tried to grab the gun but they were too late to stop him.

The Western Police District's scene of the crime office under Chief Insp. Rogelio Mosquito took Baquiran's gun, the spent bullet and the magazine.

Baquiran's corpse was taken to the Wellington (formerly Tres Amigos) Funeral Homes in Paco.

2 men killed in bike accident

By Jerome Aning

TWO MEN were killed when the motorcycle they were riding slipped and slammed into a lightpost on a flyover in Sta. Mesa, Manila before dawn yesterday.

Jason Abaril, 21, and Roberto Cartober, 31, both employees of Excel Quality and residents of San Andres Bukid, Manila, died of massive head and bone injuries, SPO3 Wilfredo Estomaquio said.

The men were on board a red Honda motorcycle (UA-2703) and were turning a curve at the Pandacan-Zamora Interlink at about 4:15 a.m. when their motorcycle slipped and veered out of control before it slammed into a lamppost, hurling the men upon impact.

Abaril was pronounced dead at the Lourdes General Hospital in Quezon City. Cartober died while being treated in the same hospital, SPO3 Estomaquio said.

Brothers lost and found

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ket and were turned over to the local DSWD. But the two ran away again until they got to Bicol.

Gerd was eventually found by a "mami" vendor in Putatan, also in Muntinlupa. The vendor brought the boy home and started to treat him like a servant, physically maltreating him and once even threatening him with a knife for losing P20.

Concerned neighbors reported the abuse to Bantay Bata 163, which rescued the boy on Oct. 8, 2001, or 10 months after he was separated from his two brothers. Gerd was brought to the Children's Home safehouse where he underwent therapy and rehabilitation.

Meanwhile, his parents continued to look for him. They again prepared fliers and distributed more than 6000 copies. They had three groups looking for him and they coordinated with seven radio stations.

In February 2001, Marilyn called Bantay Bata 163, but Gerd had not yet been rescued then.

Marilyn said she learned to look closely at the face of every fair-skinned boy she saw, always hoping it would be her son.

Almost two years after Gerd was separated from his family, Albert Mueller received a call from his sister-in-law in Camarines Sur. She said they had seen Gerd on a public service portion on ABS-CBN Naga City and learned that the boy was with the local DSWD.

Mueller travelled to Naga City last Oct. 3, 2002, but when he arrived there, he was informed that Gerd was actually with Bantay Bata, which had asked the assistance of the Naga DSWD in locating Gerd's relatives in Bicol.

Albert went back to Manila and, after presenting the necessary documents to Bantay Bata, he was tearfully reunited with his son who ran into his arms.

Gerd, the 7-year-old mestizo, has been quiet about the painful months he spent with the vendor who had maltreated him.

He and his brothers promised that this December and in the other months, they will not stray from home again.

Woman texted...

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cation card on her.

According to PO3 Francisco, Espalardo came from a poor family in Quezon province and had gone to Manila to earn a living.

The policeman said that while Espalardo was not in school, she was doing "self-study."

Police had initially hoped to identify the suspect through the security camera mounted near the spot where Espalardo's body was found.

That camera was reportedly turned off at the time of the incident, but police have also checked other cameras in the area.

Police also found bloodstained nine-inch-long slipper prints at the crime scene.

An investigator said that judging from the prints, the killer could be a big man.

Explosives detection seminar conducted

THE NATIONAL Capital Region Police Office (NCRPO) yesterday conducted a seminar for bus operators, drivers and conductors on the detection and proper handling of explosive devices.

The seminar was organized through the joint efforts of Interior and Local Government Secretary Jose Lina, Transportation and Communications Secretary Leandro R. Mendoza, and NCRPO chief Deputy Director General Reynaldo V. Velasco.

It is aimed at educating the operators, drivers and conductors of buses in Metro Manila in preventing explosions, according to a statement from the NCRPO.

The class was conducted by members of the NCRPO Light Reaction Unit and was attended by employees of member-



A BOMB disposal expert from the Central Police District inspects a car found unattended on Rocas Avenue in Quezon City. The car is later declared bomb-free.

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companies of the Integrated Metro Bus Operators Association, headed by Claire de la Fuente.

It was held at the Land Transportation Office (LTO) on East Avenue, Quezon City where the participants were taught how to detect bombs, the proper inspection procedure, and what to do in case an explosive is found.

The seminar followed the deputization of bus conductors and drivers to act as boarding inspectors in their vehicles to prevent incidents similar to the Golden Hi-way Bus Transit blast last week which killed two people and injured scores of others in Quezon City.

Velasco advised the public not to be complacent and to remain calm but vigilant.

"If people are helping, the government would be more effective in solving our nation's current biggest headache," Mendoza said in the statement.

DOTC spokesman Thompson Lantion called on the public to use the DOTC hotline (7890) in cases of threats involving transportation and communications facilities.

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Parenting in show business

By Angeli Pangilinan-Valenciano
Contributor

HOW DOES one survive parenting when one is in show biz?

Looking back at the 18 years that Gary and I have been married, I ask myself the same question again and again.

I realize that the one thing that has kept our family together, apart from our love for each other and God's provision, is a conscious effort to make the family first in most everything.

Given all the limitations we have (i.e. five different schedules, three schools for the children, Paolo's rehearsals, Gabriel's basketball and dance practices, our constant travelling, traffic, our being human parents, etc.), Gary and I, together with our household help and our team at Genesis, arrange and re-arrange schedules just to make sure that the kids get their share of our quality time.

We make family prayer non-negotiable. Gary has been assigned Gabriel, 14, and I take care of Kiana, 9. Paolo, at 18, is tossed between the both of us as he comes home at the oddest hours.

Catching elusive Paolo needs patience. So sometimes on a Friday night when his curfew is Saturday at 2 a.m., the only way I bond with him is to wait for him and talk till 4 a.m.

When Gary has an early day, he prays with Gab and reads him a devotional book and then he goes over to Paolo's room to bond with him, to share the day's activities, and many times to just goof around.

15 minutes

With my appointments running from 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., I literally peel myself off my office table or meeting just to make it home to Antipolo by 7 p.m. My staff would ask, "Ma'am, may I have just 15 minutes?" I answer, "I don't have it."

I know that those precious 15 minutes would steal time away from my kids. Admittedly, I have fallen into that trap a number of times. I always regret my decisions to delay my departure by 30 minutes.

In our prayer times, we pray about countries that need to know more about God, an aunt who wants a baby, a sick classmate or



ALL FOR ONE. Gary Valenciano and Angeli with children Gabriel, Kiana and Paolo.

her father's concerts.

It is necessary for a kid to shift her focus away from herself and see the unfortunate experiences of others in order for her to learn how to count her blessings.

Many times, the minute Kiana is asleep, I fix myself, change and attend functions and shows of some of the artists we represent.

Sometimes I go to visit a friend in the hospital, visit my dad and mom next door, or simply just go online and work on the computer.

Saying no

Gary and I, together with the Genesis staff, go over his schedules and turn down offers to extend foreign tours, accommodate tapings, and ministry requests that will prevent us from making time for the kids on a very regular basis.

It is so difficult to say no.

One of the most difficult was when US promoters wanted about three more shows for the Gary-Side A Tour. It would have extended our trip

by two more weeks. The potential income was very good.

But the kids would not be with us. We very firmly said no.

Another difficult decision was to turn down regular television shows. Two Sunday shows wanted him but we knew that church and our weekly family lunches would have to go. Sunday is literally the only day that we are all together as a family.

No. That one word could save many, many marriages and families. There will always be reasons to accept an offer. But if you want to keep your family together, just

say no.

Many say the kids will understand. The work brings the money. But kids need your time. They need to discuss their issues with you and not with their uncles, grandparents or nannies.

It is always convenient to make excuses and justify your absence at home. Trust me, I have been guilty many times and the crushing realization of seeing a child struggle or cry just because you weren't there enough times is awful.

Don't compare

The tendency to compare your children with each other is also a no-no. We must never steal away the confidence of our kids by comparing their traits. One's strength is the other's weakness.

Paolo was born an actor and a very good badminton player. He is very much an introvert and a gifted artist. Gabriel, a natural basketball player and a dancer just like his father,

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Alessandra getting star treatment for 'Tinig'

LOS ANGELES—Director Gil Portes' "Mga Munting Tinig" had a special screening here for the members of the Hollywood Foreign Press, for a possible shot at the foreign language film category in the Golden Globe Awards next year.

The movie was screened at the Sony Pictures Theater last week for the prestigious group of writers that organize the annual Golden Globe Awards.

INQUIRER'S L.A.-based correspondents Ruben and Janet Nepales were invited to the special screening.

On Nov. 8, Portes and his lead actress Alessandra de Rossi are expected to arrive here for the premiere of "Mga Munting Tinig" in the Los Angeles Film Festival.

The film has been marketed for international release as "Small Voices," with English subtitles.

Portes' latest screen opus was chosen by the American Film Institute (AFI) as the only Filipino entry among the 10 Asian New Film Classics.

The list includes Korea's "Chih-waseon," Iran's "Benani," Japan's "Dark Water" and Vietnam's "Deserted Valley."

"The American Film Institute is honored to include 'Small Voices' in its list of New Asian Film Classics," said Nancy Colet, AFI Los Angeles Film Festival director of programming.

Rare

The Asian Pacific Association of Critics USA hailed "Mga Munting Tinig" as "a rare film that has inspiration and heart; no violence, no gratuitous sex and overbearing melodramatic crying."

The L.A. premiere of "Mga Munting Tinig" comes on the heels of the movie's critical success at the Toronto Film Festival, where it had its world premiere in the Contemporary World Cinema last month.

After the screening, Shin Nippon Films Co. Ltd. offered to buy the rights of the film for Japan.

"Very moving," described Daisuke Ishi of Shin Nippon Films. "This will be a big hit in Japan."

According to Portes, "Mga Munting Tinig" has also received invitations to the film festivals in Moscow, Locarno and Palm Springs.

Portes' co-producer in "Mga Munting Tinig" is Ray Cuervo, who works in one of the Hollywood studios here helping Filipino directors, actors, writers, producers and their films get noticed in the US and make it to the American, Canadian and international markets.

"I've been working extra hard for 'Small Voices' not just because my name is on the film but because the film and the star both have breakout potentials in the international market," Cuervo said.

"As for Alex (De Rossi), I have been a tireless promoter of her

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with all my Hollywood contacts and friends since I got back from Toronto," Cuervo added. "Several Hollywood producers, casting directors, agents and studio executives want to see the film primarily because of her."

Cuervo also disclosed he wants Alessandra to audition for the upcoming Hollywood World War II drama, "Fertig," which will star Brad Pitt. In the story, a rich Filipino woman helps Fertig with supplies and communication. The film might even go to the Philippines to shoot.

Cuervo has been acting as Alessandra's agent in the US, but with the consent of Manny Valera, the actress' manager in Manila. Cuervo even lobbied for Alessandra to attend the five-day Los Angeles Film Festival for the screening of "Mga Munting Tinig." Normally, only the director is invited, but Cuervo arranged for the organizers to also give Alessandra an airline ticket and hotel accommodations.

"Only real stars get free air fare tickets," Cuervo pointed out. "So what does that tell you? Alex is being treated like a star because she is one."

Thankfully, the 18-year-old didn't have to follow in the footsteps of her elder sister Assunta, who opted to take the bold route to stardom. Alessandra has made a name for herself and earned her niche in show biz without having to take off her clothes.

She first gained notice for her acting in Carlitos Siguan-Reyna's "Azucena," which was also screened at the Toronto Film Festival a few years ago. She won another acting award this year for her performance as a retardate in Joel Lamangan's "Hubog," where she starred for the first time with her sister.

Two screenings

"Mga Munting Tinig" will have two screenings at the Arclight Hollywood, where all the films during the festival will be shown. The premiere is on Nov. 8, with a second screening on Nov. 11.

"Mga Munting Tinig" adds to the list of Portes' films which were shown and received well abroad: "Merika," "Mulanay," "Birds of Prey" and "Miguel/Michelle."

"Saranggola" and "Gatas: Sa Dibdib ng Kaaway" were submitted as entries to the Oscar best foreign language film category.

Portes is optimistic the local audience will be as enthusiastic as the international viewers who saw "Mga Munting Tinig" and were moved to tears.

City Lite celebrates 15th anniversary with concert series

CITY LITE 88.3, Manila's first and only smooth jazz radio station, celebrates its 15th anniversary this month with seven straight nights of the best jazz and R&B to be performed by the freshest and hippest line-up of artists this side of the Metro, plus tons of surprises.

A concert series kicked off with Acoustic Dreams at the Tapika Bar and Restaurant on Katipunan Road last Oct. 21.

This was followed by Kadense performing at Moomba on Mother Ignacia in Quezon City, flutist Jong Cuenco and U-Turn band at Soul & Pepper on Meralco Avenue, and others.

Tonight, sax man Ronald Tomas and guitarist Aya Yuson fill Bravo Ristorante Italiano in Malate with their slick, head-bobbin' jazz stylings.

Tomorrow, City Lite 88.3 serves up two hours worth of the finest live jazz recordings from the masters themselves, on "Smooth and Live," to be aired from 8 to 10 p.m.

The partying doesn't stop there. City Lite 88.3 culminates the jam-packed week with a huge

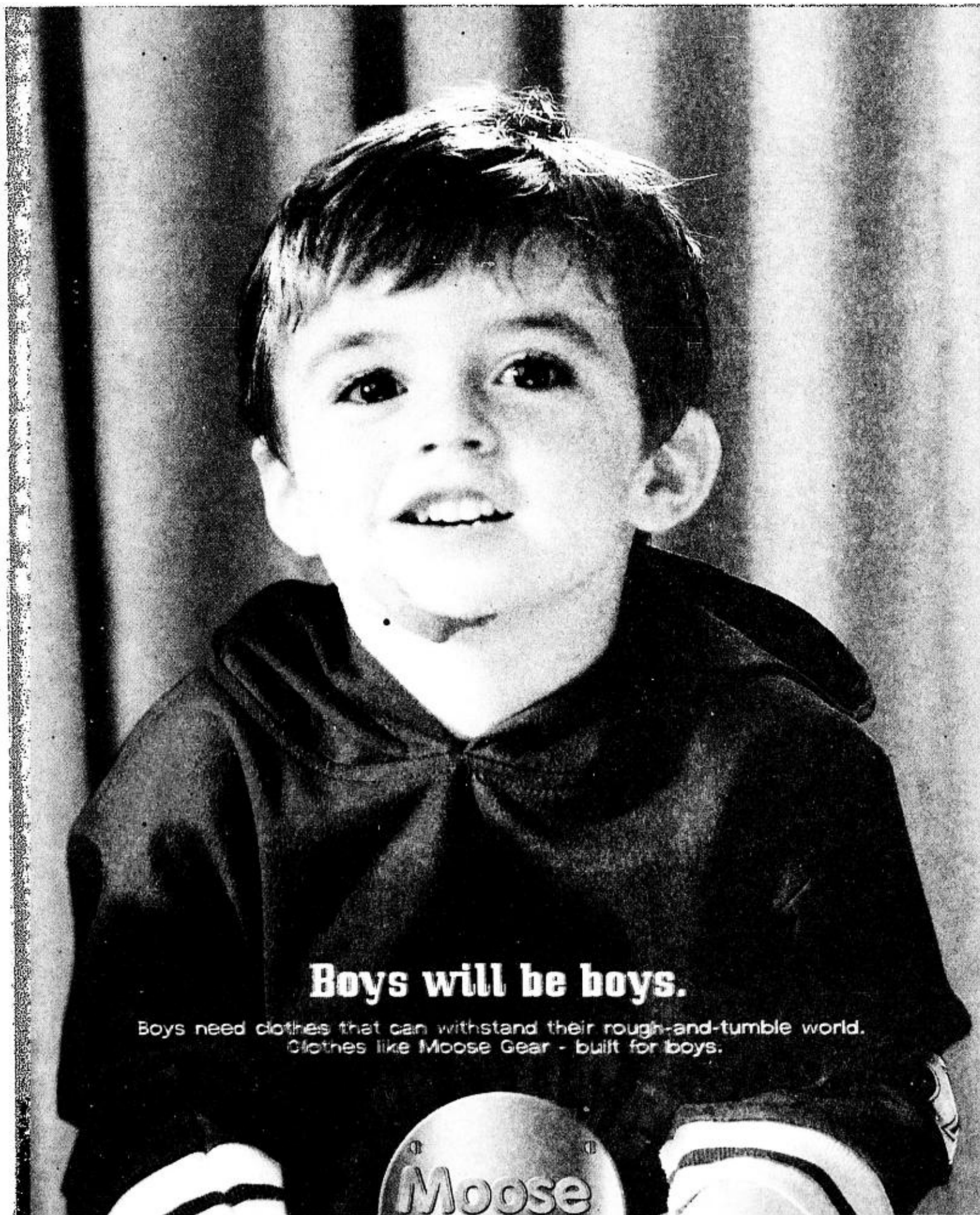


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celebration entitled "Soul of Smooth Jazz" at the Hard Rock Cafe on Monday, Oct. 28 showcasing the talents of Big and Bitu in Escalante.

The event also marks the launching of yet another compilation of soul-soaked rhythms and rare grooves, the "Soul City" CD.

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WINONA RYDER before her arrest. Off to a slow start.

Jurors in Winona theft trial told to ignore publicity

BEVERLY HILLS, California—Jury selection began Thursday in the shoplifting trial of actress Winona Ryder, with the judge warning potential jurors they must ignore all publicity about the case and not discuss it with anyone.

"Obviously there has been some publicity in regard to this matter," Superior Court Judge Elden Fox told the initial panel of 33 prospects. "Jurors will be prohibited from reading newspaper articles, watching TV shows or listening to radio commentary on the case."

He indicated that publicity is such a central issue that a written questionnaire had been prepared for jurors to fill out, telling the court what they know about the case and any opinions on it they have formed.

Ryder, star of "Girl, Interrupted" and other films, sat solemnly at the counsel table, taking notes.

The 30-year-old actress was arrested last December at a Saks Fifth Avenue store for allegedly stealing nearly \$5,000 worth of designer merchandise, including hats, handbags, tops and hair accessories. Ryder could face up to three years in prison if convicted of three felony counts of grand theft, second-degree burglary and vandalism.

Legal proceedings that preceded jury selection were closed to the press and the public for unexplained reasons. Those proceedings included swearing in of potential jurors, the judge's explanation of what the case was about and more than an hour of arguments on unspecified pretrial motions.

The judge refused to hear arguments from a lawyer representing the Los Angeles Times, telling her she would have to file

written motions before he entertained any objections to the media's exclusion.

He instructed potential jurors at great length in their duty to be unbiased, to judge the evidence carefully and to understand the principle of innocence until proven guilty.

"All questions of fact must be decided according to the rules of law," he said.

"The defendant has pleaded not guilty, which is a complete denial. The presumption of innocence prevails."

He then sent jurors off to fill out their questionnaires, telling them the case would resume Friday afternoon. The trial is expected to last about seven days.

It was unclear whether Ryder would testify. She made fun of the charges on "Saturday Night Live" and appeared on the cover of June's W magazine in a "Free Winona" T-shirt.

Discussions between the defense and prosecution to resolve the case without a trial broke down in mid-September.

A Saks Fifth Avenue employee testified during a preliminary hearing that she saw the actress kneeling on the floor of a fitting room, cutting security sensor tags from handbags.

Last week, a judge dismissed a charge that Ryder illegally possessed a prescription painkiller when she was arrested. Ryder's doctor provided prosecutors with a declaration saying he provided her with a generic form of Percocet without a prescription.

Ryder has appeared in more than two dozen movies, including "Mr. Deeds," "Alien Resurrection," "Little Women," "The Crucible," "Reality Bites," "Mermaids" and "Edward Scissorhands." AP

Writer Green dies

NEW YORK—Adolph Green, the screenwriter and lyricist who collaborated with Betty Comden to write some of stage and screen's greatest musical comedies, including the exuberant '50s classic "Singin' in the Rain," died in his Manhattan home on Wednesday at 86.

Green garnered seven Tony Awards for his work on Broadway, three Screen Writers' Guild Awards and two Academy Award nominations during a partnership with Comden that spanned six decades.

Among the popular songs they penned were such standards as "Just in Time," "The Party's Over" and "Make Someone Happy." Reuters

Jaza and other stars in new 'Flip'

JAIME Augusto Zobel de Ayala II (Jaza) reveals his weekend passion in the October issue of Flip: The Official Guide to World Domination.

The Ayala CEO's motorcycle chronicles appear in Flip's Adventure section.

Elsewhere in the magazine, Lav Diaz recalls the harrowing experience of making "Batang West Side."

Cover boy Joel Torre looks back on his two decades in Pinoy cinema in an interview with Flip publisher Jessica Zafra.

Controversial MMDA Chair Bayani Fernando is profiled in an article that wonders if he's a fascist or a mini-messiah.

Fil-American stand-up comic Rex Navarete explains why he is the quintessential Flip. Flip is available in Powerbooks, National

Bookstore, Ink and Stone and A Different Bookstore. Also this month, Flip launches the Flip Movie Club.

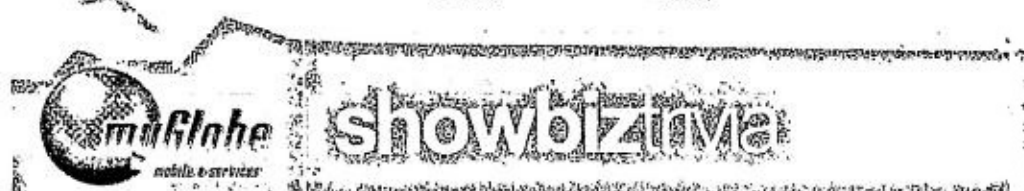
For its first screening, the movie club features "Batang West Side." The screening is on Tuesday, Oct. 29, 6 p.m. at the ArtFilm theater of Greenbelt 1.

It is free to all readers and subscribers of Flip.

The event features a question-and-answer portion with filmmaker Diaz, facilitated by Zafra and the movie club's project director, Joel Torre.

Coffee courtesy of the Seattle's Best Coffee and drinks from Coca-Cola are free to club members.

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Second 'Potter' movie 'as good as the first'

LONDON—The element of surprise no longer features but the special effects are first rate, according to journalists who caught a sneak preview of the second Harry Potter movie in London late Thursday.

"A magnificent spectacle for kids, worth every penny," said Blandine de Dreux from French television. "They've done tremendous work on the special effects compared to last time, even if the film is a bit long."

"Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets," two hours and 40 minutes, opens to the British and American public in three weeks.

Fans elsewhere will have to wait several more days or weeks for the latest adventures of Harry and his friends at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry.

"Chamber of Secrets" looks set to be even more popular than last year's first installment "Harry Potter and the Philosopher's

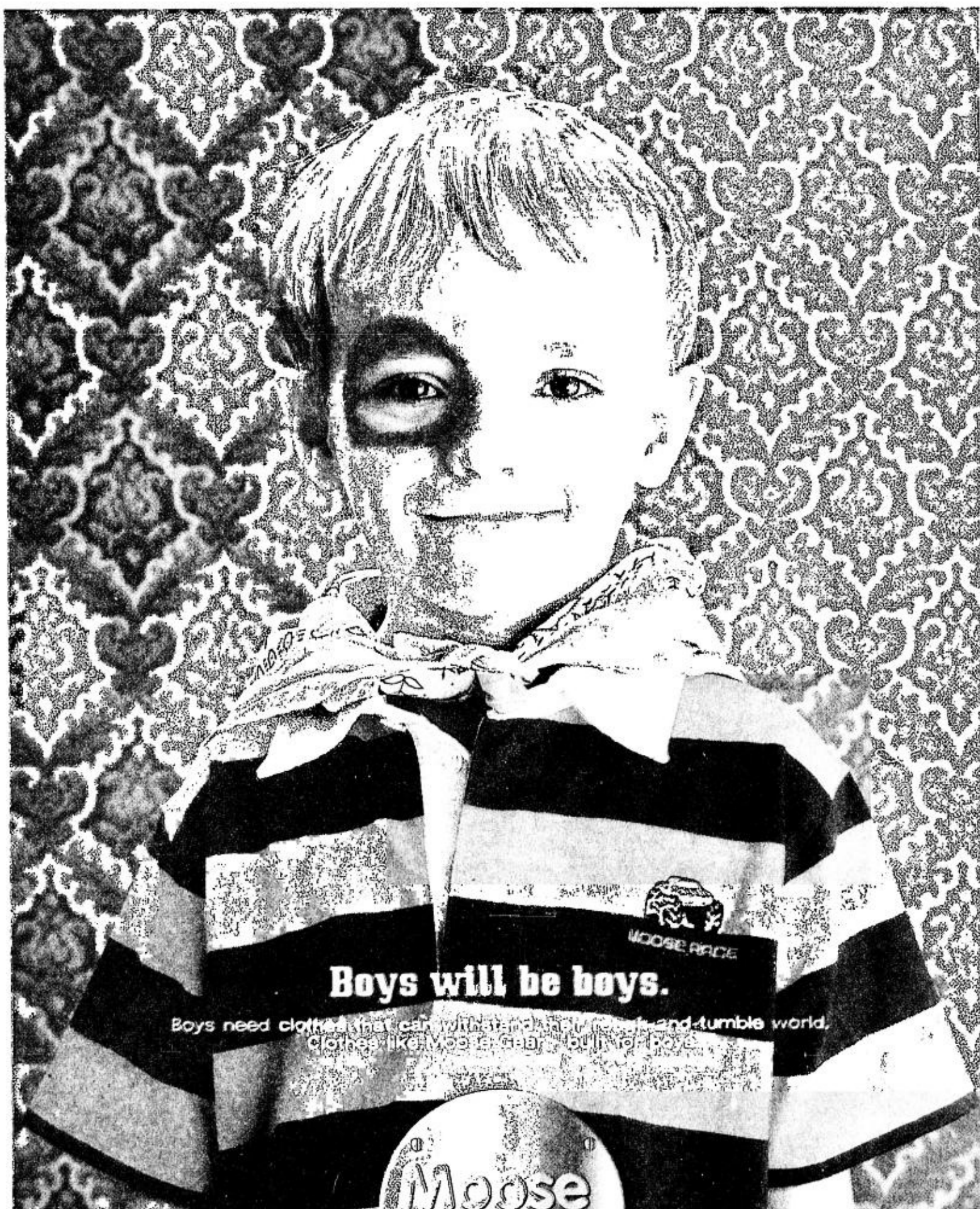
Stone," with ticket sales 30 per cent higher than for the first film, according to Warner Brothers.

"Good family entertainment and visually superior to the first movie," was the assessment of Laurent Djian from the French review Cinelive.

"The surprises of the first movie, the pleasure to discover Hogwarts for instance, are a bit gone," said Kirstin Hooyemayers, of Dutch television fame. "Still I find it as good as the first one."

"Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone" is the best-grossing film of all time after "Titanic."

US director Chris Columbus has again been commissioned to make the sequel film while Daniel Radcliffe (Harry Potter) and Rupert Grint (Ron Weasley), 13 and 14 respectively, remain in their roles, but they have begun to show signs of their teenage years—their broken voices accompanied by a more assured and mature performance. AFP



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Ishmael Bernal took up film in India and after he came home, producer-director **Eddie Rodriguez** took note of his credentials and tapped him to direct a movie. Unfortunately, they had a falling out, so Rodriguez opted to complete the film himself. Ishmael then got

Laurice Guillen was a much-admired stage, TV and film actress before she ventured into film direction. The fact that she was already well-known helped her get a producer interested in bankrolling her

Gerry de Leon was a medical doctor, but he came from the famous Ilagan clan of Philippine theater and entertainment, so he himself acted in films before he became a director.

Gregorio Fernandez also began his film career as an actor before he turned director.

Eddie Romero was a scriptwriter who had no plans to direct until Gerry de Leon practically pushed him into it.

These well-regarded directors got their chance to direct through a variety of means, so prospective directors should be similarly adaptable and imaginative. To prepare for their big break, they can study film, act, write scripts, work in various film-related crafts, and establish contacts with power brokers in the industry.

They include producers, directors and big stars.

If they get to know you and end up believing that you're worth taking a chance on, that would speed up the process.

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Feedback

FROM Fernando Tobias of Sta. Cruz, Laguna: "Like many sedentary elderly citizens, I have formed the habit of tuning in to evening TV newscasts for the latest news of the day and the weather reports. Channel 2's 'TV Patrol' has Mr. Ernie Baron giving the weather report. He is usually shown in front of the Philippine map.

"When he mentions the location of weather disturbances, however, he sometimes points to the wrong place on the map. A few times, I saw his hand gesturing somewhat towards the Visayas area, although the weather disturbance he was speaking of was in Northern Luzon.

"I also watch CNN on cable TV, and when their weather reporters do their reports, I see how differently they do it—moving from side to side in front of a large world map, extending their hands to point to the correct location of a weather phenomenon, etc.

"If Mr. Baron could be persuaded to watch the CNN weather reports, he could pick up some valuable pointers that will help him improve his drab weather-reporting style."

Halloween event

ALABANG Town Center is celebrating Halloween with activities starting at 3 p.m. on Oct. 27, with the W.I.T.C.H. magazine event. W.I.T.C.H. characters Wilma, Irma, Taranee, Connela and Hay Lin will welcome guests to the event, which features magical make-overs, mask-making contests, face-painting games, a treasure hunt and a fashion show.

TV treats

AT 9 p.m. today, Oct. 27, Star Movies screens "Ticker," a thriller starring Steven Seagal and Dennis Hopper.

On Monday, Oct. 28 at 9 p.m., Channel V premieres "Men in Music." Paula Abdul Ali will be viewers' personal guide as they meet the men who make the music and find out what makes them tick.

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* But things go very wrong when they try the scheme on Dr. and Mrs. Will Jennings (Charlize Theron, *SWEET NOVEMBER* and Stuart Townsend, *QUEEN OF THE DAMNED*), in part because their daughter Abby (Dakota Fanning, *I AM SAM*) is asthmatic, and in part because the Jennings find out more than Joe Hickley wants them to know.

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Parenting in show business

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is the pied-piper. He loves the spotlight and the concerts but he is also our prayer warrior.

Kiana is the one who inherited the singing. She is also very intelligent and witty. Paolo likes rock. Gabriel enjoys dance music. Kiana is an R & B fan.

Try to focus on their strengths and find ways to tone down their weaknesses. Encouraging them to excel is also important.

Gabriel, in particular, has little interest for academics. I had met with his teachers and had to squirm through listening to them talk about how my son was so talkative (like his parents in high school), so frisky, and so disinterested in studies.

Invest

We decided to turn down all his television, commercial and movie offers and offered him an exciting opportunity to excel in basketball.

I thank God for the Lasallian brothers who recognize his basketball skills.

But we had one catch. No good grades, no basketball. Because of this, he had a goal. According to his teachers, he dances while he erases the blackboard, while carrying the teacher's things, while he recites. So that he could do what he loved next to dancing, which was basketball, he needed to study. We enrolled him in a tutoring school to upgrade his study habits and the move has taught him to be more disciplined and responsible.

It is important to invest. If you have the resources to invest in good tapes and CDs that they could watch or listen to, do so.

The cell phone is also a good option. It is a good communication tool between our kids and us. Texting their friends is still a better amusement option than watching violent films and playing bloody video games. But more than that, you can check on them.

Buying good books is also a must for all families. Teaching them the value of reading will always be a lifelong investment.

We also encouraged the children to go into sports and summer workshops.

Syndrome

We will forever be grateful to Trumpets for their belief in our firstborn, Paolo. Our kids went through the "child of Gary V" syndrome and the experience of finding his own niche was a blessing for Paolo.

Truly show biz parenting is tough but it certainly is very exciting and fulfilling if you make time to try to make it so.

The first step is to write down that goal. "I want to be an effective parent and give my kids the best parenting they deserve. Be firm with your principles, keep an eye on that goal, and never compromise.

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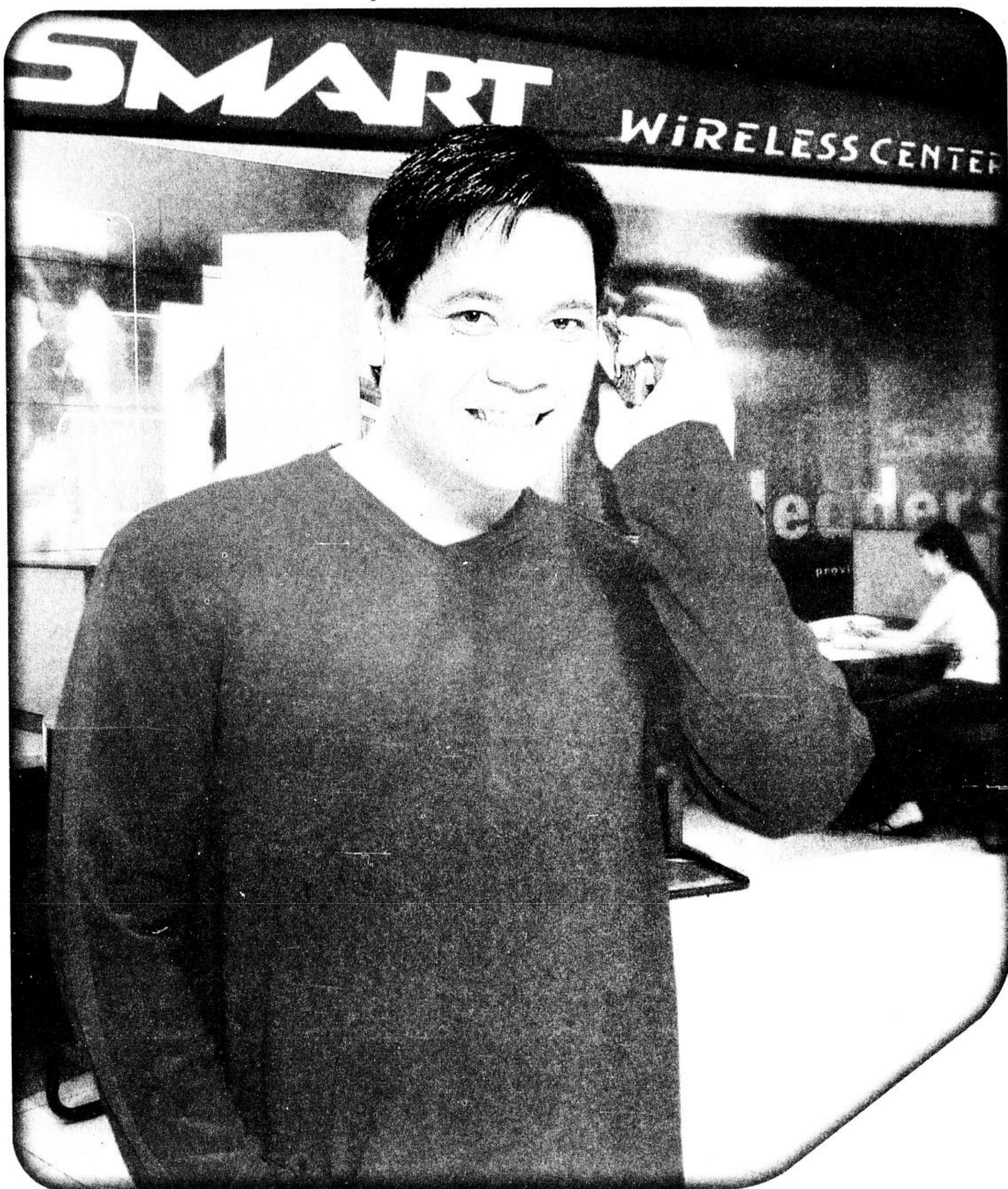
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Tough lady bureaucrat gets starstruck

By Milwida M. Guevara
Contributor

I REMEMBER going AWOL from the Department of Finance years ago to watch a movie starring Vilma Santos and Christopher de Leon. I have watched the movie "Relasyon" where Vilma had a grand slam as best actress for the nth time. I have been a true Vilmanian for years.

So, I was quite disappointed not to have met Mayor Vi in the two meetings I had with the project team of Lipa City. The city is one of the sites where the Ford Foundation is supporting a program to improve reading and mathematics competencies of elementary school children.

The other sites are the provinces of Bulacan and Nueva Vizcaya, San Fernando City, Ajuy and Concepcion in Iloilo, and eight municipalities in Negros Occidental. The mayor of Naga City, Jesse Robredo, a Ramon Magsaysay awardee, is piloting a program on reinventing Local School Boards.

Safe route

Since this is the first time that the Ford Foundation is partnering with local governments, we took the safe route by choosing to work with mayors and governors who have won the "Galing Pook Awards," a program that recognizes excellence in governance among local governments.

Former Mayor Bayani Per-

nando, Mayor Robredo, Governor Josie de la Cruz, and now Secretary Obet Pagdanganan, are Hall of Famers of the awards. Under their stewardship, programs improving basic education have become successful. Critical gains have been made in helping children read better and do their numbers well.

The attribution of success of the programs however was made to the managerial skills of the local chief executive. Thus, we faced the challenge of whether the model on collaborative efforts in education would work in the hands of nonGaling Pook winners.

Expanding the program

Now on its third year of implementation, the Ford Foundation is taking the programs to scale by working with other local chief executives. Lipa City was a strategic choice. Mayor Vi has tremendous influence on causes she champions like women's rights and AIDS. She was powerful in Mike de Leon's movie *Sister Stella L* as she raised her fist to demand "Katarungan para kay Ka Denicio." We can never underestimate her impact if she leads a movement to improve the quality of elementary education.

So, the Ford Foundation, with the help of Brother Rafe Donato, and Dr. Cora Abansi, president and Dean of the Graduate School of De La Salle

Lipa respectively, worked out a proposal to develop a community movement that would improve equitable access of every child in Lipa City to quality education.

I brought along Willie Prilles, the assistant of Mayor Robredo, to share the experiences of Naga City, in implementing a participatory

budgeting process. He came sleepy-eyed all the way from Naga, and made no qualms about revealing the true motivation behind his eagerness to participate in our second meeting. Willie wanted to have a photograph with Mayor Vi, and, to have her signature too. It broke Willie's heart (and mine too) when

Mayor Vi did not come to the meeting. I was ready to accept the fact that the amiable Vice Mayor, known as Kuya Boy Manguera, would be at the helm of the project.

Kuya Boy has a Masters in Management Technology from De La Salle Lipa and could pass as a movie star himself.



Skeptical

It was with skepticism therefore that I received the invitation of Cora to join them in third meeting, this time with Mayor Vi. My mind told me that she would not come. But my assistant Chingkel, and Joyce, our statistician, took a more optimistic view and asked my permission if they could join the meeting. When Cora called to say that the meeting would be delayed, I knew that the mayor would not make it. But, the program was more important than meeting the star for all seasons. So, we braved the rain to go to Lipa City.

Bro. Rafe suggested that we should proceed with the meeting with Vice Mayor Boy as the chair. The school superintendent was there and so was the parent representative. I could feel Chingkel's disappointment as she prepared herself to go home without seeing the mayor.

Big surprise

But we had a big surprise when Mayor Vi entered the conference room with profuse apology for being late. She came from a meeting with the President. She gave Bro. Rafe a birthday buss and said, "Sorry, Brothe; wala akong laban sa Presidente."

I was starstruck. Was I supposed to shake her hand and tell her I am a great fan and that I had

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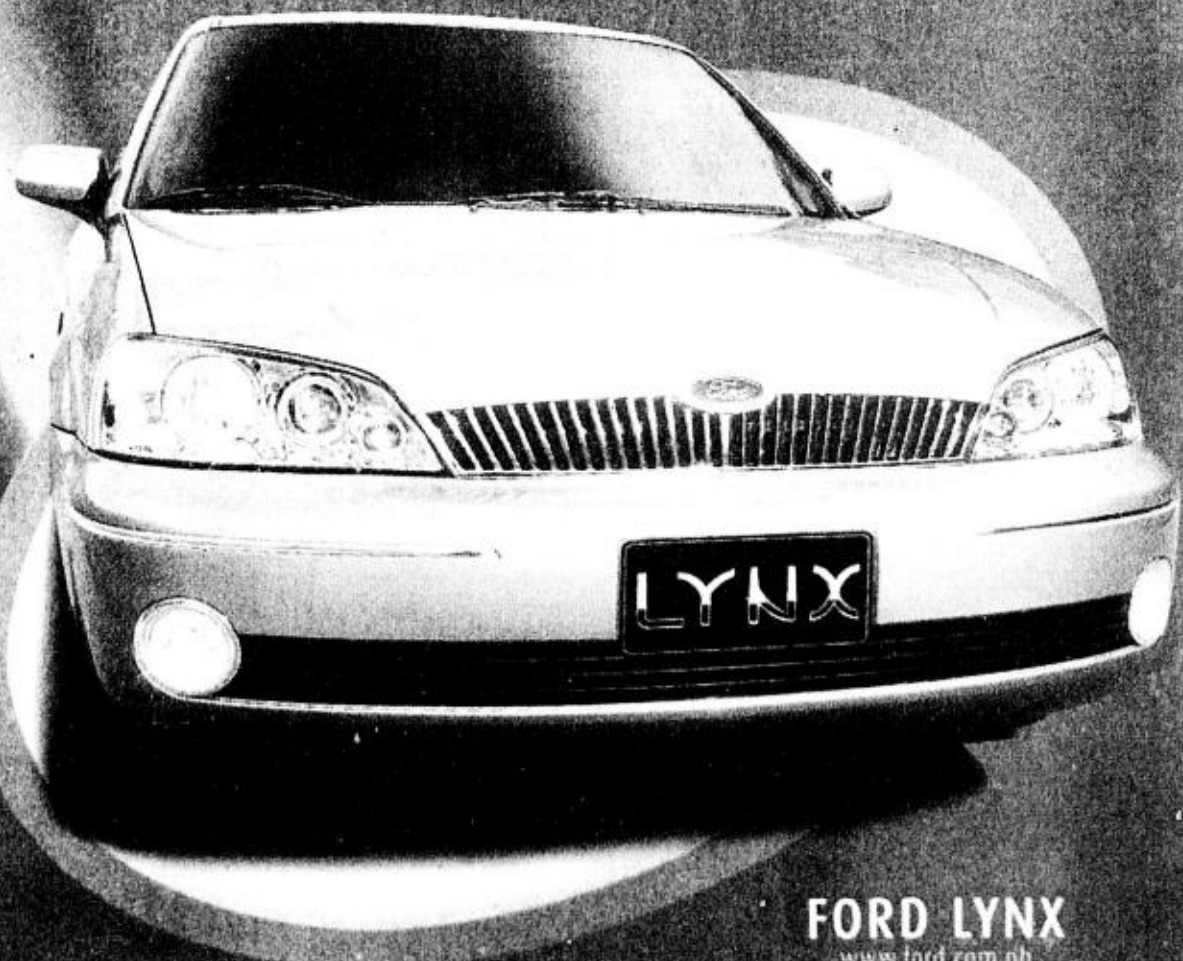
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Does good landscape encourage spending?

By Tina Arceo-Dumlao

THE PROLIFERATION of large shopping malls and department store complexes have forced mall operators to come up with something different, something extra, to pull the shoppers in and hopefully get a part of their hard-earned money.

Some mall operators bank on the tenant mix and the sheer size of the mall to offer convenience to the consumer. Others bank on the extra entertainment and having a large parking space.

But all believe that having the right amount of greens and color from landscaping techniques can also make a big difference.

The importance of landscaping has never been more pronounced in the Philippines as new mall developments now boast of providing a park-like atmosphere to keep shoppers.

Consumers demand for more relaxed surroundings to provide them with the much needed respite from the concrete jungle they work in.

SundayBiz features here some of the leading malls that have put landscaping at the forefront of their mall concepts.

Ayala group

Think about landscaping in malls and people would usually put the Ayala malls on top of the list because as others put up concrete structures, the Ayala group consciously sets aside areas for landscaping alongside the shopping structures.

Its Greenbelt mall, for instance, has been around since the 1970s and people went there to stroll through the park which even had an aviary. There were not too many high-rise structures then.

Winnie Nazareth of the Ayala commercial centers group says in an interview that the Ayala group has always prided itself on enhancing the urban landscape by putting together areas for greens



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and flowers, water features and the shopping area.

"This is part of the Ayala group's philosophy to give something back to the customers. We believe in enhancing life so it is not all about money but providing an environment to the public," Nazareth says.

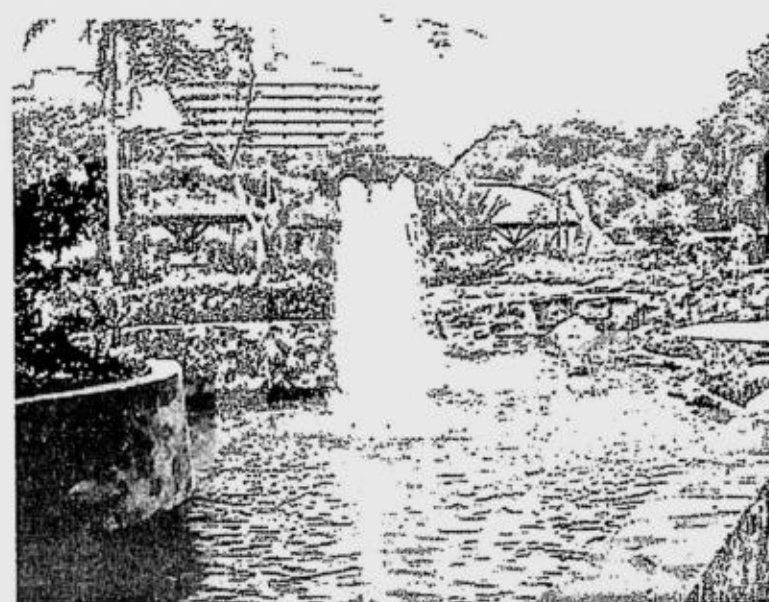
She stresses that providing large areas for landscaping is a commitment on the Ayala group's part, considering that land is very expensive in the Makati central business district. The areas for greens would have been enough to put up one more building, and bring in more money but they decided to go another way.

"This can be seen in our pride right now which is the new Greenbelt 3 mall. It is the only mall right now with a park. We even increased the area for the park from 1.6 hectares to 3 hectares," Nazareth adds.

She says the Ayala group always makes it a point to incorporate greens in all developments, even in the most tight of structures.

The Ayala group does not set a specific ratio between the area for greens and the structure itself, saying that it depends on the kind of development.

Greenbelt 3, for instance, is positioned as a dining and enter-



FOUNTAIN at the new Greenbelt.

tainment area, thus, the park blends well with the al fresco dining outlets and outdoor entertainment.

The Alabang Town Center also has a lot of green areas because it is built to look like a neighborhood mall.

Nazareth says the Ayala group put a lot of focus into landscaping because it believes that the proper mix of greens and structures affect the mood of shoppers.

"I believe the right landscaping makes them want to stay longer in the mall area," she says.

Power Plant Mall

The Power Plant Mall in the Rockwell complex of the Lopez group in Makati is small by Philippine mall standards. A person can walk all the stores in just 30 minutes, but it has en-

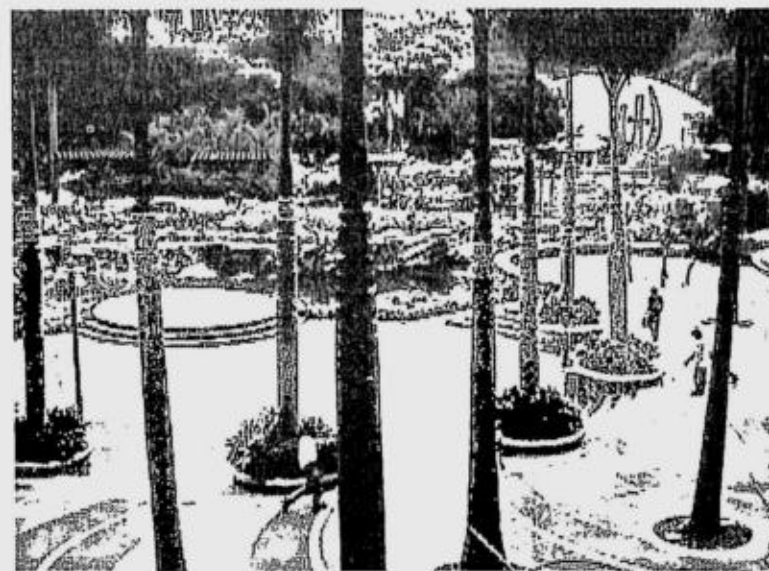
deared itself to the hearts of many shopaholics and food lovers.

It has become a favorite hangout for some shoppers with its high-end shops. But Rockwell thinks the landscaping has something to do with attracting shoppers.

Before Rockwell opened its doors to the public two years ago, most of the malls that dotted the landscape of Metro Manila were rectangular concrete structures that were more eyesores than pleasures to the eye.

Thus, shoppers welcomed the Rockwell Power Plant Mall. Rockwell landscape consultant architect Joaquin Zialcita says management developed the "Rockwell look" by putting in as much green as possible in available space.

"Rockwell spent a lot of time conceptualizing the Power Plant Mall's landscape. The orders were to green all open spaces with the available budget, make use of all available planting materials and continue the Rockwell look into the



LANDSCAPING affects the mood of shoppers.

landscaping affects the mood of the shoppers very much.

"It creates topics of conversations, makes people more at ease. It cools the area. It even becomes a different scene at night with all the lighting details," Zialcita says.

He adds that the Rockwell look has become a benchmark with the other malls, which are now striving to incorporate as much of the landscaping into the development of the shopping mall concept.

Robinsons

The Robinsons group is an old hand in the mall development business and it has always emphasized landscaping not only in the outside of the malls, but also inside.

Tommy L. O, vice president for operations of the Robinsons group, says in an interview that they put emphasis on landscaping to achieve a certain ambience in the mall. He says the key signature features of a Robinsons mall are the large fountains and scenic elevators.

O says it is hard to determine if

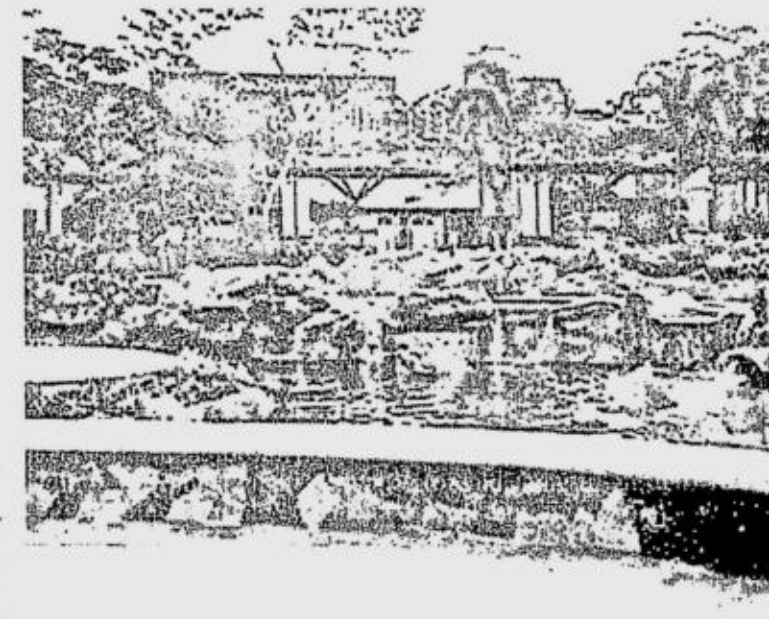
mall goes put increased importance on landscaping or not, but says Filipinos always have a fascination for plants (flowering or otherwise) which is why shows (orchid, bonsai, garden) related to plants are normally well attended.

"I think to have a good landscaping helps attract people to the malls but there are other factors such as security, safety and comfort that also influence decisions," O says.

The Robinsons group put all these factors together in its newest development called Robinsons Starmills in San Fernando, Pampanga, a prosperous province about 1.5 hours north of Metro Manila.

The exterior of the mall with a painting of huge leaves in deep green calls attention. Inside, considerable space is allotted for plazas where customers can enjoy al fresco dining.

A huge fountain is again the focal point of Starmills where all the atriums and walkways converge.



MOST malls use water.



MALLS have gone beyond rectangular structures.

Tough lady bureaucrat ... Network takes lead in making cards 'smart'

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looked forward to meeting her in person all these years?

But I was a program officer representing the Ford Foundation, a respected international organization. I had to look dignified. So, I held my peace and shook her hand diplomatically.

Details

She is more beautiful in person. Her TV and movie appearances do not do her justice. She has sparkling eyes and a vibrant smile. She was clad in corporate attire and had a pair of lilac eyeglasses. Chingkel told me later that she had pearl earrings, an elegant watch with a thin strap and a ring with a diamond stud. Chingkel even noticed that her stockings were black, her stiletto shoes had pointed toes, and was wearing pink nail polish. She added that her pink lipstick matched her fair complexion and that her hair was light brown.

Since I missed these details, I have resolved to wear bifocals starting today. I was not to be outdone though. I observed that she has slender fingers, which I thought were the mark of a fine artist. I also did not fail to notice the dainty handkerchief that has become her trademark.

A revelation

Mayor Vi was a revelation in the meeting. She chaired it with confidence and asked everyone for his comments and suggestions. We could all take pointers from her for being non-threatening. She showed evidence that she studied the project document and her major concern was the funding of the project. She did not feel threatened when she was informed that the city government is expected to take over the financing of the project after the Ford Foundation leaves. I tried to put her at ease by speaking in Filipino and she embarrassed me by responding in perfect English.

Her enthusiasm on working to improve the basic competencies of the children from Lipa

was infectious. She went on to discuss the city's programs including supplemental feeding of schoolchildren, a 1:1 ratio of books to students, construction of school buildings and the scholarship program. She diligently went over the proposed press release about our Project K and strongly endorsed the idea of drawing up an MOA among the major partners of the program.

Show biz?

She had great rapport with her vice mayor, who, to his great credit, was so supportive and non-threatening. The mayor was at her best in being *cariñosa* and held the arm of the vice mayor every so often in demonstration of her approval and support. When she was offered a plate of sandwich, she shared it with the vice mayor. Cynics may consider it "show biz" but I thought that she was just being natural and comfortable with her colleagues.

Mayor Vi stayed with the team until the completion of the agenda and asked us if "we were done" before she adjourned the gathering. She shook everybody's hands again and thanked us before she left.

I was trying to be in full control lest I ask for her autograph. I did not do so thinking that she would get offended. We were dealing with her as a mayor and not a movie star. As I watched her leave, I gained more confidence that the program would succeed. She has a competent team starting with the vice mayor who gives her the needed space to grow and to learn.

I would also say "hats-off" to Brother Rafe and Cora for being so unassuming—they assumed the role of enablers with grace and fluidity. It takes a lot of confidence, humility and love for others to play these roles.

Brother Rafe was all smiles as he bade the mayor goodbye, someone whom he constantly describes as a person with "a good heart."

(The author was a former undersecretary of the finance department, program officer of The Ford Foundation.)

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Themed "How chip works for debit and credit cards," the EMV training



workshop was the first of its kind conducted in the Philippines and followed similar workshops in other markets in the Asia-Pacific region. It covered topics such as challenges in deploying smart cards, definition and impact of the smart card business case with focus on the issuing and acquiring side of the business.

Through the EMV Technology Seminar, MasterCard's local member financial institutions were updated on the status of the global migration to chip-based smart card technology as well as on the suite of smart card products.

MasterCard's member financial institutions in Philippines are AIG, BPI, Bankard, Citibank, Equitable, First Bank, HSBC, One Card, Metrobank, Security Bank and Standard Chartered Bank, and these were all represented in the training workshop.

Adam Gluck, vice president, M/Chip Product Management in MasterCard's Chip & Mobile Commerce Centre of Excellence, presented other modules during the workshop training.

MasterCard's Center of Excellence for Chip and Mobile Commerce/Wireless is headquartered in Waterloo, Belgium. Through the Cen-

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The event also highlighted the inroads that the Mondex smart card has made in the Philippines. Mondex is a prepaid payment card that has been programmed to carry other applications such as stored value and digital ID for campuses.

Mondex smart cards are currently in use in several campuses including Rogationist School in Cavite City and the Center for Culinary Arts in Quezon City.

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Wall St. struggles felt in fine arts community

PITTSBURGH—The din on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange may seem far removed from the solitude of a gallery or a hushed auditorium as an aria is sung. But in fine arts organizations across America, the bear can be heard.

Museums make cutbacks, reduce budgets, lay off personnel. Symphony orchestras search for new donors, new ways to get cash. A theater group pulls back its cast sizes. A big city opera cuts salaries of its top directors.

Drama

This is the drama of making the arts work in a slowing economy. Endowments have lost value, and foundations are taking a hit. Corporate donors on whom you could count in flush times are looking at dwindling profits, and shaking their heads.

The denouement, well, is anyone's guess.

"The other drops have been

short-lived and a recovery has been foreseeable. To have a sustained drop as deep as this without an apparent recovery in sight is far more difficult," said Ellsworth Brown, president of the Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh, where \$4 million will be trimmed from the budget next year and an unspecified number of workers are likely to be laid off.

It's not that the Carnegie Museums, for example, haven't done well—they had record attendance last year. But since 1999, the value of the institution's endowment has dipped 28 percent, from \$250 million to \$180 million. The museums draw a small percentage of the endowment for operations, so, less value means less money.

"It's just simple math in the end," Brown said.

And the figures are pervasive. Americans for the Arts, an advocacy group, says state spending for the arts has dropped following years of growth. In Massachusetts,

state funding has been cut 62 percent. Some other states are looking at reductions of as much as 40 percent, said Randy Cohen, the group's vice president of research and information.

Budget cuts

In Denver, where part of the sales tax helps fund the arts, projected revenues have fallen from \$38 million to \$35 million, forcing the Denver Art Museum to lay off nine workers, keep other positions vacant and cut a planned four-part lecture series on art history.

At the Denver Center for the Performing Arts, the operating budget had to be cut. No performances were lost but some of the productions have smaller casts, said president Lester Ward.

At the Atlanta Opera, corporate contributions were off; so were subscription sales. Facing a deficit of some \$800,000, six people were laid off—though two are expected

to be called back—and seven of the organization's top employees lost between a week and three weeks of pay.

Nonprofit foundations that fund the arts have also been hit, in some cases substantially. The David and Lucile Packard Foundation, for example, made grants of more than \$15 million to the arts in 2001. This year, it's only expected to be about \$5 million. Next year, said spokeswoman Amy Chamberlain, it will likely be less.

Foundations' woes

Foundations figure how much they have to give based on the value of their endowments, a number determined by averaging a fund's worth over several years. The more bad years there are, the lower the average and the less they can give.

Some fine arts organizations with endowments have the same problem, since the amount they can take from those funds for oper-

ations are capped. "Next year, we're going to pick up three stinky years," said Carnegie's Brown.

"It has been rather devastating, to say the least," said Jim Croft, vice president of finance and administration at The Field Museum in Chicago, where the endowment's worth has dipped from \$193 million in 1999 to \$155 million now.

Attendance up

The museum has tightened its budget and is increasing general admission prices—for people from outside the city—to \$10 per adult, up from \$8.

At the Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum in New York City, officials said attendance is down 25 percent this year, and corporate sponsorship has all but disappeared. As a result, the budget is expected to be cut by about \$6 million next year.

Already, the museum has cut its hours, gotten rid of a small

number of administrative positions and extended one exhibition and postponed another. The Guggenheim has also relied on a partnership with the State Hermitage Museum in Russia and the Kunsthistorisches in Vienna, to share resources.

So far, say fine arts officials, most of the cuts have been confined to limited programs, not exhibitions, collections or performances. Few people, they say, are likely to notice slightly reduced hours, or the loss of an educational program or camp here or there.

Organizations may have to become increasingly creative about where they can cut operations, however, if the bear market continues.

Edward Able, president and CEO of the American Association of Museums, said he doesn't expect any museums to close, but believes more people need to know that fine arts institutions don't exist in a vacuum, outside the economy. AP

Giving up the American dream to create a cornerstone

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business is that we don't have to follow any trend. We set it," he adds.

A truly religious couple, EJ and Eva got the name Cornerstone from their faith in God who, according to EJ, is their business manager.

In 2000, the two launched their own business that combined his skills and her artistry, and created at least six product lines of their own original stoneware.

Now, the six lines of stoneware rose to over 200 that include not just table and kitchenware, but also chime, flower vase, tissue holder, mini-fountain, oil burner, soap dish, and other stoneware products—each has its own identity.

They started with a capital of less than P50,000 using the backyard of their home in Imus, Cavite, as the stoneware factory.

According to Eva, the Filipino buying attitude helped a lot in their business.

As an international marketing graduate who majored in human behavior, she easily adopted the business to fit the Filipino attitude.

"The Filipino behavior is very much different from the Americans," Eva says.

"Americans are too conservative to buy anything different. Filipinos would buy anything they see as different, attractive, or to keep up with the trends."

But before the business started to peak, the two had their share of "stoning."

During the March 2000 exhibit in Southwoods, they did not earn a single cent and a businessman criticized their designs.

"Sometimes, having a different design than the rest of the other ceramic products in the market could get you sneered at, criticized, and a little depressed at the slow movement of the business. But once



MICROWAVE safe table and kitchen wares are also among the couple and their clients' favorites.

you get over that stage, everything will come easy. You just have to hold on, work hard, and persevere," Eva says.

The year after that, at the National Trade Fair held in SM Megamall, more people flocked to buy their products and they earned around P30,000.

After that, their earnings reached six figures and the sales peaked.

"Stoneware is a lot different from earthenware," EJ says.

"It is much more durable and cannot be copied easily. We do not use lead in our glazes because we don't want to risk the health of our workers and customers," he adds.

EJ says that unlike earthenware, stoneware does not break easily when dropped, and it has a lighter color.

"People ask us if our stoneware products are imported and they would always get amazed when we tell them they are 100-percent Filipino," EJ says.

"And they would get more surprised because these are microwave safe, oven safe, food safe, freezer safe, and stove

top low flame safe."

"Our stoneware products are all hand-crafted, so you can see with each design that thoughtful details are applied to every product. That gives our products a one-of-a-kind value," Eva says.

According to EJ, the raw materials for their stoneware products are available from local suppliers.

"Making the Cornerstone products goes through a very laborious process," EJ says. "It's just like making any ceramic product. The only difference is that I'm the only one who knows the formula. And that formula is secret. I might tell you that, but then I'll have to kill you afterward," he jokes.

But because of the changing trends in the business, EJ says, he keeps on adjusting and innovating his secret formula. "That way, nobody can copy our products."

"But we do the business on personal management. I found out that putting my personal touch to

every product is a very effective technique. And we develop our own moldings," Eva says.

At the factory in Imus, they have six people working for them. These people are the same people who have worked with them since they started. Up to now, they still work for the couple.

"For our employees, working in this business give them a certain fulfillment because they are able to express their artistic side," EJ says.

The couple plans to transfer to Silang, to expand their factory.

Another effective business technique in the functional art of stoneware is that the couple never tries to follow any trend.

"If you follow the trend, by the time you are able to pick it up, that design is already on a downhill. We'd rather set the trend and let others follow. And we have proven that the Filipino design can still lead," Eva explains.

During the latest exhibit at Canyon Woods Residential Resort in Laurel, Batangas in October, visitors would always ask the couple if their stoneware came from Hong Kong or the United States.

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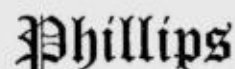
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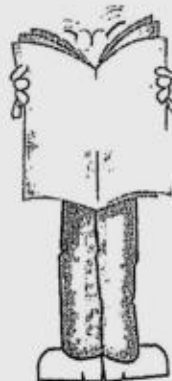
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September 30, 2002



JOSE M. OLITAN, JR.
September 30, 2002



ELMER B. USI
October 3, 2002

(PDI - Oct. 27, 2002)

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC



LEAHNY D. REBADOMIA

A warrant of arrest has been issued by the Honorable Helen Bautista-Ricafort, Pairing Judge, Regional Trial Court, Branch 274 in Parañaque City against accused **LEAHNY D. REBADOMIA**, whose picture appears above, for the offense of **QUALIFIED THEFT** in the case of "People of the Philippines vs. Leahny D. Rebadomia" and docketed as Criminal Case No. 01-0998.

Any information on the present whereabouts of accused **REBADOMIA** can be relayed to UTS Transport Company, Inc., through Ms. Tina Kalingasan, at the Jardine Davies Compound, Edison Street Corner West Service Road, Km. 14 South Expressway, Parañaque City and telephone number 824-4922.

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(PDI - Oct. 27, 2002)

Philippine Economic Zone Authority
Bataan Economic Zone
Mariveles, Bataan
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Fax Nos. (047)935-6046; E-mail: bez@unet.net.ph

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

The Philippine Economic Zone Authority (PEZA) invites interested parties to apply for eligibility and to bid for security services for the Bataan Economic Zone (BEZ), Mariveles, Bataan. The approved budget for a one (1) year contract is P5,889,576.00.

Security agencies with existing contract for security services with economic zone enterprises operating at the Bataan Economic Zone shall not be allowed to participate in the bidding.

The list of eligibility requirements may be secured from the Secretariat of the BEZ Bids and Awards Committee (BAC), 2nd Floor, BEZ Administration Bldg., Bataan Economic Zone, Mariveles, Bataan from November 4 to 7, 2002 upon presentation of a Letter of Intent and payment of a non-refundable fee of P500.00.

Eligibility requirements shall be submitted to BAC Secretariat not later than 5:00 P.M. of November 12, 2002. Bidding/tender documents will be issued to eligible bidders from November 21 to 22, 2002 upon payment of a non-refundable amount of P500.00.

A pre-bid conference will be conducted on November 26, 2002, 2:00 P.M., at the Audio Visual Room, 2nd Floor, BEZ Administration Bldg., BEZ, Mariveles, Bataan. The submission of bids shall be not later than 2:00 P.M. of December 6, 2002 at the same venue. The bids shall be opened immediately thereafter.

The PEZA reserves the right to reject any and all bids, waive any defect or informality therein and to award the contract to any bidder whose proposal is deemed most advantageous to the government. The PEZA neither assumes any obligation for any loss whatsoever that may be incurred by the bidders in the preparation of bids nor does it guarantee that an award will be made. The provisions of Executive Order No. 40 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations shall apply to this bidding.

(Sgd.) DANTE M. QUINDOZA
Zone Administrator

(PDI-Oct. 27 & Nov. 5, 2002)

Department of Agriculture
MINDANAO RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM
Program Coordination Office
Sultan Omar Bldg., Quezon Blvd., Kidapawan City
Telefax No.: (064) 288-5286

FOR IMMEDIATE HIRING

RURAL DEVELOPMENT SPECIALISTS

General Function:

The candidates will be responsible in assisting the Program in providing or coordinating the provision of technical assistance to the participating LGUs in the areas of resources assessment, problem analysis, intervention planning, resources allocation and agricultural extension.

Qualifications:

- Less than 50 years old
- Preferably graduates of Rural Development, Agricultural Extension or related courses
- With at least 3 years of relevant experience preferably with foreign-assisted agricultural development projects
- Familiar with participatory, sustainable development processes
- Preferably a resident of Mindanao

FINANCIAL SUPERVISOR

General Function:

The candidate will be primarily responsible for the supervision of the Program's Financial Analysts in the assessment, coordination and processing of Financial requirements of participating LGUs.

Qualifications:

- A Certified Public Accountant
- Less than 50 years old
- With at least 3 years experience in accounting work with LGUs
- With experience in development project accounting
- Familiar with project guidelines of government and funding agencies
- Preferably a resident in Mindanao

CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER

General Function:

The candidate will be primarily responsible for the financial management of the Program.

Qualifications:

- Less than 50 years old
- Preferably a resident of Mindanao
- With at least 5 years experience in Financial and Management Accounting preferably with government projects assisted by the World Bank
- With experience as financial analyst or supervisor in development programs implementation preferably with GOP and LGUs as implementing agencies
- A Certified Public Accountant

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION SPECIALISTS

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The CO Specialist will be assigned to each of the municipalities covered by the Program in Cotabato, Maguindanao, Sultan Kudarat, Agusan del Sur, and Compostela Valley Provinces.

General Functions:

The CO Specialist will primarily be responsible for the training, education and development of the Barangay Facilitators responsible for developing the capabilities of community associations which accessed MRDP funds.

The CO Specialist will work with Municipal Facilitators in providing the necessary technical training required by community associations relative to the planning, implementation, organization, operations and maintenance of sub-projects.

Qualifications:

- Must have at least 5 years of experience in doing/ supervising Community Organizing work
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Invitation for Bids
Social Expenditure Management Loan II
Department of Health, Philippines
Supply and Delivery of EPI Supplies
IFB No. WB-SEMP-2002-003

1. This invitation for bids follows the general procurement notice for this project that appeared in *Development Business*, issue no. 587 of July 31, 2002.
2. The Government of the Philippines has received a loan from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development toward the cost of Social Expenditure Management Loan II, and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of this loan to payments under the contract for which this invitation for bids is issued.
3. The Department of Health now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the supply and delivery of Expanded Program on Immunization (EPI) Supplies as follows:

Item No.	Description	Quantity	Unit
1	Syringes and Needles 2-3 cc or ml x gauge 23 x 1" For DPT, HBV, MV & TTV	23,000,000	Pieces
2	Syringes and Needles 1 cc or ml x gauge 26 x 1/8" or 3/8" needle (Tuberculin)	2,700,000	Pieces
3	Syringes and Needles 5 cc or ml x gauge 21 x 1 1/2" For mixing syringe of MV	120,000	Pieces
4	Safety Box, 5 - 7 II. For disposal of used S/N	250,000	Sets

4. Bidding will be conducted through international competitive bidding procedures specified in the World Bank's Guidelines: Procurement under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits, and is open to all bidders from eligible source countries as defined in the Guidelines.
5. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from the Procurement and Logistics Service and inspect the bidding documents at the address given below from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday.

Procurement and Logistics Service
Department of Health
San Lazaro Compound
Sta. Cruz, Manila
Philippines
Tel. No. (632) 711-6831
Telefax No. (632) 711-6712

6. A complete set of bidding documents in English may be purchased by interested bidders on the submission of a written application to the address above and upon payment of a nonrefundable fee of Five Thousand Pesos (P5,000) or US\$250 including air courier for foreign bidders. The method of payment will be cash, or bank draft. Information including names of potential bidders and contact persons telephone and facsimile numbers, cable, e-mail and mailing address should be provided in the application to facilitate communications during the bidding process.
7. Bids must be delivered to the address below before 2:00 p.m. on December 2, 2002. All bids must be accompanied by a bid security of not less than 2.5% of total bid. Late bids will be rejected outright and returned unopened to the bidder.
8. Prior to bid opening, a pre-bidding conference will be held at the following address at 2:00 p.m. on November 4, 2002.

ICHSP Conference Room
Department of Health
San Lazaro Compound
Sta. Cruz, Manila
Philippines

9. Bids will be opened in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend at the address above at 2:00 p.m. on December 2, 2002.

By the authority of the Secretary of Health:

ZENaida O. LUDOVIC, MD, MPH
Assistant Secretary
Chairperson, Bids and Awards Committee

(PDI-Oct. 20 & 27, 2002)

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC



This is to inform the public that
LIBERTY (LIBBY) A. CARLOS,
whose picture appears above, has ceased to be as an Asst. Sales Manager, or in any other capacity connected with, the
JMD International Corp. ("JMD")
as of October 15, 2002.

Any transactions entered into by Ms. Carlos for and in behalf of JMD on or after October 15, 2002 shall not be honored by JMD.

JMD INTERNATIONAL CORP.

(PDI - Oct. 27, 2002)



Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas
Maynila, Pilipinas

**DISBURSEMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE
INVITATION TO BID**

The Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) will conduct a prequalification of prospective bidders for the servicing and maintenance of landscaped areas and other related work at the Security Plant Complex and its Annex Property, scope of work of which may be obtained from the Manager II, Procurement Division II, Administrative Services Department, Room 212, 2nd Floor, 5-Storey Building, A. Mabini, Malate, Manila.

For prequalification purposes, prospective bidders must submit/comply with the following criteria/requirements:

1. Must be in the business of servicing and maintenance of landscaped areas for at least three (3) years.
2. Must have an existing contract involving a total lawn area of at least 5,000 square meters.
3. Must have a minimum working capital of P350,000.00 which may be in the form of cash and/or bank credit line.
4. Must own a plant nursery with assorted ornamental plant.
5. Must be able to provide the necessary and adequate garden tools and equipment, and supplies (2 heavy duty motor powered lawn mowers, 4 push mowers/bush cutters, 10 shears, 10 weeders, 2 tank sprayers, 12 garden hose with minimum length of 50 ft. and 12 sprinklers).

The above requirements, together with photocopies of the documents listed below (original of items 1 and 2 to be presented for authentication purposes) shall be submitted to the Disbursement Control Committee thru the Administrative Services Department, not later than November 12, 2002.

1. Articles of Incorporation/SEC/DTI Registration Papers/ E-mail address
2. Y2001 audited Financial Statements (Balance Sheet & Income Statement)
3. Y2001 Income Tax Returns
4. DOL/SSS Certificates under oath of Compliance with Labor and Social Legislations
5. Mayor's Permit
6. Existing and previous contracts for the past 3 years.
7. Inventory of garden equipment and tools

Only those who comply with the above criteria/requirements shall be invited to attend the pre-bid conference and participate in the actual bidding which will be conducted on a later date to be advised. Bidding documents may be obtained upon payment of a non-refundable fee of P500.00.

The two envelope system shall be adopted in the bidding.

The BSP hereby reserves the right to reject any or all bids, as well as to waive any defects or informality in such bids, and to accept such bids as may be considered most advantageous to the Bank.

For the Disbursement control Committee:
(Sgd.) EDUARDO L. MAGAHIS
Director
Administrative Services Department

(PDI - Oct. 27, 2002)



NATIONAL TRANSMISSION CORPORATION
South Luzon Regional Operation & Maintenance

**INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID
AD NO. TRANSCO 2002-11C**

The Southern Luzon Transco (SLT), Transco wishes to invite interested parties to apply for eligibility and to bid on the items listed below:

SCHEDULE	ITEM DESCRIPTION	PR NUMBER
A1 23 PCS	STEEL POLES, VARIOUS SIZES	3A30-02-127
A2 27 PCS	STEEL POLES, VARIOUS SIZES	CBA-02-188
A3 25 PCS	STEEL POLES, VARIOUS SIZES	A1-02-049
A4 11 PCS	STEEL POLES, VARIOUS SIZES	3CSA-02-163
A5 20 PCS	STEEL POLES, VARIOUS SIZES	3DII-02-153

NOTE: A Pre-Bidding Conference for bidding schedules A1-A5 will be on October 30, 2002 at 10:00 AM/SLT Bidding Room

Complete sets of Application Form for Eligibility and Bid Documents may be obtained from the Office of the Manager, Administration Division, SLT, San Vicente, Biñan, Laguna, upon payment of a non-refundable fee of P100.00 per schedule starting October 21, 2002. No bid documents will be issued on the date of bidding.

Bids will be received at the SLT Bidding Room, Transco-SL, San Vicente, Biñan, Laguna until 2:00 o'clock P.M. on the date specified above after which Eligibility Requirements and Initial Technical Proposals of eligible bidders will be opened in the presence of attending bidders.

Prospective Bidders shall signify conformance to bidding terms and conditions as required and shall ensure the same through proper submission/execution. The procurement rules and regulations used in this transaction shall be in accordance with the implementing rules and regulations of "Executive Order 40".

The Bidder shall furnish a loan from the Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC) (formerly the Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund) in Japanese Yen towards financing the cost of Third Elementary Education Project (TEEP). It is intended that part of the proceeds of this loan will be applied to eligible payments under the contract for Supply and Delivery of School Furniture to Selected Public Elementary Schools in the Philippines.

The Corporation reserves the right to accept or reject any bid, and to annul the bidding process and reject all bids at anytime prior to award of contract, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected bidder or bidders or any obligations to inform the affected bidder or bidders of the grounds for the basis of the BAC's action.

(Sgd.) R.D. RAMAS
CHAIRMAN-BAC
TRANSCO SOUTH

(PDI - Oct. 27, 2002)



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
THIRD ELEMENTARY EDUCATION PROJECT

Invitation for Bids

October 18, 2002
Loan No. PH-P184

IFB No. PISU-CO/272002-JBIC

1. The Government of the Philippines through the Department of Education (DepEd) has received a loan from the Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC) (formerly the Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund) in Japanese Yen towards financing the cost of Third Elementary Education Project (TEEP). It is intended that part of the proceeds of this loan will be applied to eligible payments under the contract for Supply and Delivery of School Furniture to Selected Public Elementary Schools in the Philippines.

2. DepEd Philippines Project Implementation Support Unit for the Third Elementary Education Project (TEEP) now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the supply and delivery of School Furniture.

3. For the purpose of this bid, eligible bidders shall be those who have experience in the supply or selling and distribution or delivery of school furniture to public or private elementary schools in remote areas in the Philippines.

4. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from and secure the bidding documents at the Bids and Awards Committee (BAC) with office address at 112-A Mabini Bldg., DepEd Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City, Tel. # (632) 636-6543 or 632-1361 local 2019, Fax # (632) 636-6542 starting October 21, 2002, or visit the DepEd website at <http://www.decs.gov.ph>.

5. A complete set of bidding documents may be purchased upon submission of a written application to the above and payment of a non-refundable fee of Two Thousand Pesos (PhP2,000.00).

6. Bids must be delivered to the Bulwagan ng Karunungan, Rizal Building I, Department of Education, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City on or before 10:00 A.M., on December 2, 2002 and must be accompanied by a security in the form of bank guarantee, irrevocable letter of credit, cashier's or certified check of not less than two percent (2%) of total bid amount.

7. Bids will be opened in the presence of bidders' representatives who choose to attend at 10:00 A.M. on December 2, 2002, at Bulwagan ng Karunungan, Rizal Building I, Department of Education, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City.

8. Prior to bid opening, a pre-bid conference will be held on November 14, 2002, 10:00 A.M. at the venue indicated in paragraph 7.

(Sgd.) RAMON C. BACANI

Undersecretary and
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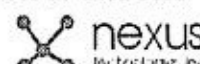
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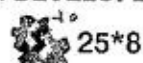
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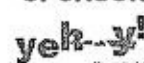
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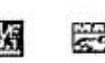
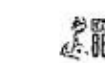
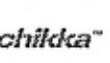
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ISLAND TRANSVOYAGER, INC. Applicant.

CAB CASE NO. EP-22105

NOTICE OF HEARING

Pursuant to the provisions of R.A. 776, as amended, notice is hereby given that ISLAND TRANSVOYAGER, INC. has filed an application before the Civil Aeronautics Board (CAB) for an application for authority to operate non-scheduled domestic air transportation services (air taxi operator). The initial hearing of the above-entitled case will be held on 05 November 2002 at 2:00 PM at the Conference Room of the CAB, Old MIA Road, Pasay City before the undersigned Hearing Officer, at which hearing, the applicant shall present its evidence.

The applicant is hereby required to publish this Notice of Hearing in a newspaper of general circulation at least five (5) days prior to 05 November 2002, once a week for two consecutive weeks.

Parties opposed to the granting of the application must file their written opposition on or before the date of hearing, furnishing a copy of the same to the applicant and appear at the hearing with such evidence as may be proper in the premises. Failure on the part of any interested party to file its opposition on time and appear at the hearing will be construed as a waiver of its right to be heard and the Civil Aeronautics Board will proceed to hear and decide this application on its merits.

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Pizza Hut, the world's no. 1 and most recognized pizza chain, opened its newest restaurant in Waltermart Calamba. This is the 3rd Pizza Hut restaurant in Laguna and 95th in the country, making Pizza Hut the Philippines' largest full service and delivery pizza chain. Shown (from left) are area manager Mayette Cusi, Bb. Pilipinas Universe 2002 Karen Loren Agustin, Monsignor Fidel M. Menorea, Mayor Severino Lajara, Miss Tourism International 2002 Kristine Alzar, restaurant manager Dante Buno, and Pizza Hut mascot Pooch.



CALIFORNIA GRAPESCAPE ADVENTURE GAMES

The brainchild of Synergy Asia, country representative of California Table Grape Commission, the California Grapescape Adventure Games is a one-of-a-kind competition filled with heart-pumping physical and mental challenges. The games, held today, Oct. 27, from 6:30 a.m. to 12 noon at the University of the Philippines Sunken Garden at the Diliman Campus, is divided into the family category with a

maximum of four members, and the elite category composed of three individuals made up of friends. Shown at the launch are, from left, event coordinator Cynthia Plana, event organizer Tom Canchela, Synergy Asia Managing director Mandy Saracho, Synergy Asia director for operations Evelyn Mercurio, and event coordinator Nanet dela Cruz. Call the California Grapescape Adventure Games Hotline at 444-2361.

National schools superintendents' conference set

THE PHILIPPINE Association of Schools Superintendents (PASS) will hold its annual conference at the Manila Midtown Hotel from Nov. 6 to 8 to review urgent education concerns and come up with strategies for a more responsive implementation of the Revised Basic Education Curriculum.

"School Superintendency at the Crossroad of Change" is the theme of this year's congress.

Dr. Edilberto C. De Jesus, the new Secretary of the Department of Education, will be the keynote speaker. This is his first time to meet the school superintendents as one group, and he is expected to declare his policy directions of the Department.

Senator Teresa Aquino-Oreta, Edgardo Angara, Juan Flavier, Aquilino Pimentel, Rep. Bella Angara-Castillo, and Edmundo Reyes have also been invited to share their ideas about the current legislative agenda in Congress, pending education bills, and other concerns.

Participants to the three-day congress are the 300 school division superintendents and assistant superintendents from the various regions.



SKIN ZEN OPENS 1ST STORE

Skin Zen recently opened its first facial spa at the 2nd floor of the Prime Block Building, Tutuban Mall last August. Skin Zen is a skincare center venturing into holistic skin treatment. Skin Zen adheres to the principle of zen, which is minimalism. Patients are handled by well-trained dermatologists and aestheticians. Dermatological

services such as facial and skin care, acne and freckles treatment, skin peeling, warts removal and cosmetic surgery are available at Skin Zen. Shown at the opening are, from left, Rudy Yu, Jerry Cheng and Richard Ng. Another Skin Zen opened late September at Metrobank Building, Retiro corner Mayon Streets, Quezon City. Call Skin Zen at 251-3187.



SBC GETS NOD FOR ELECTRONIC TAX PAYMENTS

Security Bank Corp. (SBC) recently signed a memorandum of agreement with the BIR and Bureau of Treasury formalizing its participation in the Electronic Filing and Payments System (eFPS) for tax collections of the BIR. Labeled eFPS RealTime, the new facility allows corporate tax payments via the Internet. Seated, from left, are Guillermo L. Parayno

Jr., BIR Commissioner; Eduardo Sergio G. Edeza, BTR Commissioner; and Rafael F. Simpao Jr., SBC president. Standing, from left, are lawyer Lirio Casaba, Assistant Commissioner, BIR, May Siy, senior VP, SBC, XP Garcia Jr., assistant VP, SBC, Josie Espina, BIR, and Manny Narciso, first VP, SBC

Halloween activities at Valencia Hills

FEDERAL Land Inc. invites prospective buyers to a Grand Open House Halloween Trick or Treat celebration at the poolside of Valencia Hills, N. Domingo corner Valencia Streets, Quezon City, today, Oct. 27, 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Guests will be treated to a special Family Day Halloween Trick or Treating, all-day kiddie movies, games and activities, a costume parade and a best costume contest. Valencia Hills is a towering residential condominium that features a variety of one-to-three bedroom units, fully air-conditioned multi-purpose room/chapel, an indoor fitness gym, kiddie playground, swimming pool with jacuzzi; a 200-meter jogging track with lush landscaping, and a reliable building management, fire protection and 24-hour security system. Interested parties can call its marketing arm Omni-Orient Marketing Network Inc. at 810-1944 to 45.

Apsop officers inducted

THE ASSOCIATION of Photo Studios of the Philippines Inc. (Apsop) will hold its annual induction of officers and directors on Oct. 29 at the Astoria Plaza in Pasig City. It is also the launching of the 2nd Photo Studio Exhibit, Photo Competition and Trade Fair. Guests from major photographic distributors such as Kodak Philippines Ltd., YKL Development and Trading Corp., Sanly Corp., Photokina Marketing Corp., Addamus Marketing Corp., Mac's Frame Shop and Columbia Global Photo Sales will grace the event. The new officers president Benjamin Rivera, VP-internal and external Alex Jimenez and Larry Valencia, treasurer Charlie Ramos, auditor Ramon Gonzales, sergeant-at-arms Monty Veluz, and directors Ruben Almazan and Berna Baron will spearhead the activities for Apsop's 10th anniversary September 2003.

St. Peter Life Plan at 32

ST. PETER Life Plan Inc. is currently holding a national convention at Green Valley Hotel and Resort in Baguio City from Oct. 24 to 27, in celebration of its 32nd anniversary, which will be highlighted by the presentation of Presidential Merit Awards. The existence and steady growth of St. Peter Life Plan Inc. for more than three decades manifests SPLPI's competitiveness and commitment to serve its planholders and give them the best service. It is with pride and sincerest gratitude that SPLPI acknowledges the foresight and leadership of its founder Francisco "Tatay" M. Bautista, the hard work of its employees and wholehearted support of its business partners for keeping its spirit alive in the pre-need industry.

MEDICAL MISSION LAUNCHED

Another medical mission was carried out by Fil-Tech Development Foundation Inc., led by president Marietta R. Yoshida, with the support of Barangay Captain R. Alfaro and the council of Barangay 574 and 573. Military and PNP supported this mission, with the help of PS Supt. P. Estrella Bulaong and Supt. RE Sapitula of DMPU-WPD. Yoshida also acknowledged the support of Dr. DT Ng, Dr. AR Yoshida and R. Astrologio with the help of medical students from FEU, Amsa FEU chapter, and N. Reyes

Medical Foundation. The support of staff of FTDFI, DGA and United Laboratories, Filadams, Roche Phils., Solvay Pharma Lab, Merck Phils., UCB Pharma, Hizon Lab, Green Cross, GlaxoSmithKline, Sanofi-Winthrop and Japan Phil Volunteer. Cups of Nestle food, Jollif Biscuits from Comfoods, and Lychee Candies from P-P Confectioners were given to the children. On Nov. 9, FTDFI will hold another medical mission in Tanay, Rizal with the help of Mayor T. Tanjato and military groups.



Smart Money cooks up free potato balls

SMART Money, the world's first and only reloadable cash card, has cooked up another tummy filler that's sure to whet your sumo-sized appetite. By joining forces with Tokyo Tokyo, Smart Money now gives you more reason to sample the mouth-watering meals that have made Tokyo Tokyo the fastfood chain of choice among the growing number of quality-seeking chow hounds in the metropolis.

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HANG TEN CONGRATULATES RED BULL

Hang Ten congratulates Philippine Basketball Association's Red Bull team for being champion in the just-concluded PBA Commissioner's Cup. Hang Ten is the official outfitter of Red Bull, providing the famous basketball team with comfortable uniforms made from the popular youth apparel's high-quality clothing materials.

Shown is the Red Bull team in a victorious mood. Hang Ten is a haven of casual clothing for the fashionable youth. It has trendy and voguish collections of high-quality and colorful shirts, pants, shoes, belts, caps, socks, underwear and fragrances at surprisingly affordable prices. All Hang Ten products sold locally are imported.

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truth and
the life.
No one
comes to
the Father
except
through Me.*

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Her loving children BOLET, BETH & KHAO, ROY & AMBY, JOHN & NANETTE, GILBERT and FRANK & BELLE; grandchildren LISA, MIM, ROI, RIZZA, JEFFREY & CHESKA; and relatives request you to pray for the eternal repose of her soul.

Her remains lie in state at the Arlington Memorial Chapels, Araneta Avenue, Quezon City.

A Mass will be celebrated in her memory on Tuesday, October 29, 2002 at 11:00 AM.

Interment will follow at 3:00 PM at the Loyola Memorial Park, Sucat, Parañaque.



Tempus fugit time flies...

Twenty five years ago today our earthly father

Col. DANIEL O. VICTORIA

passed on to eternity to return to our Heavenly Father.

Aside from the Holy Masses offered for his repose, we, the children Dominador, Rosita, (†) Mario, Armando, Salud, Carmen, Olivia and Danny, together with their spouses, grandchildren, great grandchildren, and relatives request friends and pious readers to pray for his eternal rest.



**"Whoever
finds
his life
will
lose it,
and
whoever
loses
his life
for My
sake
will
find it."**

Matthew 10:39

Message of Thanks

We, the family of the late

PETER A. CU

who joined our Creator on October 20, 2002

convey our sincerest thanks to all those who condoled with us, offered Masses and prayers, sent flowers and message of sympathy, went to the wake and kept vigil, attended the funeral rites and in many unknown countless ways, in the honor of our bereavement.

Susan Cu and Family

Manuel Dantis De Guzman

*of San Miguel, Bulacan and Tandang Sora, Quezon City
Peacefully joined his Creator on October 23, 2002
at the age of 83.*

His loving wife Lydia; children Cynthia and Tony; Bong; Jocelyn and Freddie; Edwin and Cherry; Noel and Jing; grandchildren Astrid, Gian, Francesca, Joseph, Christopher and Angelica; brothers and sisters, relatives and friends request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at Nacional Memorial Homes, 264 G. Araneta Avenue, Quezon City.

Interment will be on Tuesday, 29 October 2002 at the Himlayang Pilipino, Tandang Sora, Quezon City after the 8:00 a.m. Mass at Nacional Chapel 2-B.

*"...absent with the body to be present with the Lord."
2 Corinthians 5:8*

REV. DR. ADELFA (BABETTE) C. MALABAYABAS, F.C.T.S.

*who peacefully joined her Creator on October 22, 2002
at the age of 47.*

Her loving husband Victor (Bogie); daughter Gigi Juntilla; grandson James Juntilla; mother Filomena C. Tindero (USA); brother Armando Tindero (USA); sister Cora Mabesa (USA); request for prayers for her Family's faith in the Lord.

Her remains lie in state at La Funeraria Paz-Sucat (inside Manila Memorial Park), Sucat, Parañaque City.

Interment will be on Sunday, October 27, 2002 at 3:00 p.m. immediately following the Christian Worship Service.

Message of Thanks

We, the family of the late

SEVERINO C. DOMINGUEZ, SR.

*Who passed away in the Grace of our Lord
on October 8, 2002.*

*wish to express our heartfelt gratitude and sincerest
appreciation to all those who offered Masses and
prayers, sent flowers and messages of sympathy
and who, in countless ways, condoled with
and comforted us in our hour of bereavement.*

EUSTAQUIA BORJA DEGOLLADO

Widow of the late Mayor Mariano Degollado
Pamay, Ilocos Norte and Quezon City

*Peacefully joined the Lord on October 25, 2002
at the age of 95.*

Her children Norma, Bessie, Teddy (†), Patsy, Roger and Justito (†), sons-in-law Valentin Blanco, Rudy Jacildo (†), Pepito Campos, daughters-in-law Fe Rosales, Linda Sumera and Amy Rodriguez, nephew Pepito D. Borja, niece Jesusa B. Ramos and other relatives request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of her soul.

Her remains lie in state at the Bahay Karmelo, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Project 6, Quezon City.

Her body will be transferred to the BORJA ancestral residence in Paouy, Ilocos Norte on Monday, October 28, 2002.

Interment will be on October 31, 2002 at the Paouy Catholic Cemetery after the Necrological Mass at 2:00 PM.

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His bereaved wife Juana; his children Feliciano and Martha, Eduardo and Mary Ann, Ronaldo and Regina, Ireneo Jr. and Doris & Edgardo and Judy; and his grandchildren Maricon, Clarisse, Thomas, Michael, A.J. Pons, Angelo, Marge, Tricia, Stephanie, Edrienne, Ronette & Ronnie Jr., Reno, Angel, Nat-Nat, Paulene, Guicco, Tom, Eddu & Joaquin; sisters Aurea and Lourdes, relatives and friends request to pray for the repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at his residence at #1 M. Bucag Street, Cauayan City, Isabela.

Interment will be on October 31, 2002 at Cauayan Memorial Garden after the Funeral Mass at Our Lady of the Pillar Parish.

"I am the resurrection and life. He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies; and whoever believes in Me will never die."

(John 11:25-26)

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CAUAYAN CITY, ISABELA

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FOUNDER

IRENEO C. BUCAG, SR. M.D.

Who died in the grace of our Lord on October 24, 2002
at the age of 80.

We, together with his bereaved family, request the pious readers
to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His body lies in state at his residence, No. 1 M. Bucag Street,
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Born: June 4, 1909

Died: October 26, 2002

Peacefully joined her Creator at the age of 93.

Her bereaved children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, children-in-law, friends and relatives request your prayers for the eternal repose of her soul.

Her body lies in state at Chapel 1,
Loyola Memorial Chapels, Guadalupe, Makati.

Interment will be on Tuesday, October 29, 2002
after the 9:00 A.M. Mass at the
Manila South Cemetery, Makati City.

Message of Thanks

We, the family of the late

DR. JOSE R. SOLDEVILLA, SR.

who joined his Maker on October 6, 2002

wish to convey our heartfelt gratitude to all those who consoled with us during our hour of grief—those who offered Masses and prayers, sent flowers, visited, sent messages of sympathy and attended the funeral rites. To all of you, our sincerest thanks.

"AS SOON AS I LIE DOWN, I FALL PEACEFULLY ASLEEP, FOR YOU ALONE, O LORD, BRING SECURITY TO MY DWELLING." (PSALMS 4:9)

LOURDES "LUDING" SANTOS SANCHEZ

of Porac and Angeles City, Pampanga and Torrance, California

RETURNED TO HER CREATOR ON 20 OCTOBER 2002

We, her husband, Lamberto, daughters, Myra, Michelle, Melinda, and Maryola, brother, Jose, Jr., and sister, Norma, thank those who, in life, wished her well.

We will miss her, but we find comfort in knowing she rests forever in God's Grace.

Interment will be at the Holy Cross Memorial Park, Culver City, California on 26 October 2002, following the Holy Mass at the Holy Cross Chapel at 9:00 a.m.

We appreciate your prayers.

"I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are Yours." John 17:9

Antonio V. Dela Cruz

Now peacefully rests in the Infinite Grace and Goodness of the Lord on October 25, 2002 at the age of 77

His children and children-in-law: THELMA & BONG, DALLY & BOY, DONATO & FRANCIS, JUNIOR & ANETTE, TINA & JOEY, WILLY & ROSE and MARIE & CARLO, brothers and sisters, in-laws, grandchildren and great grandchildren, other relatives and friends request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at Love Chapel of Arlington Memorial Chapels, Anneta Avenue, Quezon City.

Interment will be on Tuesday, October 29, 2002 at the Eternal Gardens, Baesa, Caloocan City.

MESSAGE OF THANKS

For visiting us and being with us in our time of sorrows...
For praying with us and for us...
For the Mass Cards and messages of sympathy and condolence...
For the beautiful flowers to express compassion...
For joining us in our nightly vigils...
For attending Necrological Services and funeral rites...
For thinking of us in our hour of grief...
For all that you have done to console our hearts...

Our sincerest gratitude.
From the family of the late

LYDIA G. MAGLAYA

30 October 1919 - 18 October 2002

NESTOR B. GUEVARA

Died peacefully on October 25, 2002 at the age of 79.

His loving wife CONCORDIA (†); children and in-laws ALVER & DOLLY, BABY & BOYET, CAROL & MARK and DINNA & RAYMOND; brother, sisters, grandchildren and other relatives request the readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at Resurrection 1 Chapel of Arlington Memorial Chapels, Araneta Avenue, Quezon City.

Interment will be on Tuesday, October 29, 2002, at the Eternal Gardens Memorial Park, Baesa, Caloocan City, at 10:00 a.m.

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Giving up the American dream to create a cornerstone

By Mei Magsino
PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

IMUS, Cavite—When most Filipinos in the provinces want to come to Manila to work, and when most Manilans want to work abroad, a couple who has lived the American dream returned to the Philippines and built a ceramic business.

The business is 100 percent Filipino engineered and 100 percent Filipino inspired.

With over 200 stoneware product lines exported to the United States, young husband-and-wife team Edgardo "EJ" and Eva Espiritu are currently expanding to further satisfy the demand for their products.

Local and foreign tourists and clients always mistake the stoneware for imported products.

"I am the artist," Eva says, "and EJ takes care of the production, the technical process. For us, the business has become a

passion for an affordable functional art that shows Filipino ingenuity and originality."

Leaving America

EJ, now 40, is a ceramic engineer from Adamson University and worked in the ceramic industry for over 10 years, while Eva, 32, is an interior designer with a background in international marketing.

They met in the US where both were living comfortable lives.

"I went to the US to work in a ceramic factory," EJ says, "but before that, I was a manager in a Filipino ceramic company. When I got to the US, factory work was down, so I had to do some odd jobs. But there, even with odd jobs like washing dishes and waiting tables in a restaurant, you could still live in style."

EJ, a native of Bacoor, Cavite, lived in California for 10 years. He met Eva in Wisconsin. She is a naturalized American citizen who



YOUNG entrepreneur couple EJ and Eva Espiritu in their Cornerstone booth at the Canyon Woods Exhibit.

was born in Pangasinan and who used to work as a nursing assistant.

They got married and settled in the US.

When the American dream they were living lost its fulfill-

ment, they decided to come home to the Philippines in 1996.

"I didn't want to be an employee anymore. In the US, we had the money, right, but we felt empty inside. We wanted our



THE UNIQUE design of their Cornerstone vases is the reason the Espiritus' clients always mistake them for imported products.

own business and create employment and help our fellow Filipinos," EJ says.

At that time, Eva had finished her studies in international marketing where she majored in human behavior.

"What we wanted to do to help our fellowmen was to provide them with not just any employment but a job that is clean, dignified, and will help meet the needs of the employees," Eva says. "Since EJ is a ceramic engineer, we went into the ceramic business."

Although they launched their stoneware lines in 2000, the couple, which owns and operates the Cornerstone Ceramic Manufacturing, started with the earthenware business in 1996 as a sub-contractor for an export company that has been selling ceramics all over the world.

But in 1999, the earthenware business plummeted when imitations of the same products were mass-produced in China with lower price tags circulated in the export market.

This ended their sub-contracting business.

"Then in 2000, after a long period of research, we developed a product that cannot be copied by anyone—the stoneware," EJ said.

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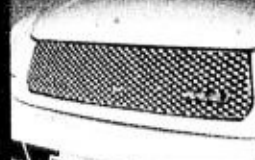
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The Divan's launch at the MET Museum was the first in Asia (even before Hong Kong, Singapore and Thailand) and just a week af-

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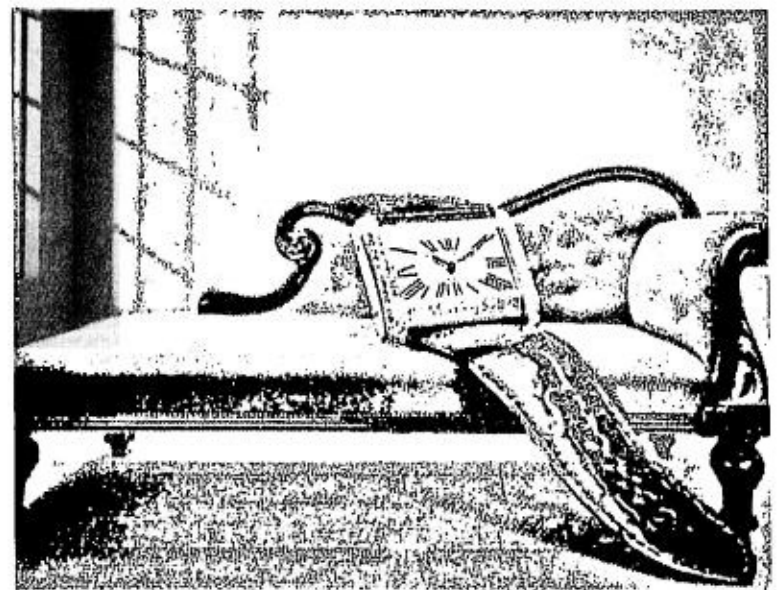
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Manlapit and the Rustan's team for pulling off a great show.

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Meeting celebrities. I was in Malaysia for a party. Although I had been invited to the same occasion before, I still did not know most of the people. Don't get me wrong—it was fun and I got to sit next to a *datu* (only to find out that there are millions of them), but the highlight was meeting Jimmy Choo. Yes, the famous shoe designer and the shoe of choice of all the fashionable ladies around the world. First off, I did not even know he was Malaysian,

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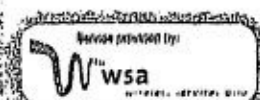
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To do this, there is a need to organize the "adoption group" with a president and a set of officers. Then, the adoption group will sign a memorandum of agreement with the school principal. The memorandum of agreement is the adoption group's firm pledge to assist the school.

Eager donors

As in child adoption, the legal angle is important so that the adopted school knows that there is real concern from the adopting parents. It is also important for the school to identify its needs so that the adopting group can map out a responsive program of action.

The infrastructure needs of schools are many. Some of these that cannot be met locally are sought from others willing to be "adoption partners" of the school. These can be individuals, families and companies.

Secretary Roxas emphasized that the gen-

Through radio, word has spread that private support for public schools is an idea whose time has come

erosity of the adoption partner should be properly acknowledged and documented by the recipient and adopting group.

Roxas has been championing public education for many years now. As Senate majority floor leader, he was instrumental in the passage of the Adopt-A-School Act of 1998.

As Trade Secretary, he has supported the Department of Education's PCs for Public High School Project by securing a \$600-million assistance package from the Japanese government.

FWWPP has a network of possible donors. For example, it can help solicit for school buildings from the Federation of Filipino Chinese Chamber of Commerce Inc., upon presentation of adoption papers through the DepEd or FWWPP.

Nutrition or feeding may be solicited from large food companies, while textbooks can be acquired from publishing groups and NGOs.

Textbooks, schoolbags, nutrition packets and science laboratory equipment can be pro-

cured through the kindness of generous individuals now waiting to be tapped through pledges solicited by FWWPP.

Roxas said the revolution of generosity should be channeled properly, with the adoption partners assured of the proper handling of their donations.

Davao school needs help

One school that has written to FWWPP asking for help is the Doña Carmen Denia National High School (J. Ferriols campus annex) in Lizada, Toril, and Davao City.

"The local government unit and the parent-teacher community association have already done their share, but due to financial constraints, they can only afford improvements of facilities," said Bernardita S. Origenes.

The annex, she added, receives funds only for teaching and office supplies. For operating and miscellaneous expenses such as postage stamps, telegrams and transportation, the teachers have to use their own money. It can take a month for them to be reimbursed.

According to FWWPP, what Origenes needs is an organized "adopting entity," such as the parent-teacher community association. Acting as the school's officer-in-charge, she can sit down with the association as the "parent" of the school and write down a memorandum of agreement to this effect. Then she and the adoption group can draft an adoption program.

The school can then fax or e-mail a copy of the MOA and the adoption program to the FWWPP so it can be included in the FWWPP list of recognized adopted schools. FWWPP will then put the school in touch with adoption partners that can help the school.

Koronadal, South Cotabato

Peter Arvin Jabido, an officer of the Koronadal National Comprehensive High School Alumni Association, wrote FWWPP to express his group's interest in spearheading the Education Revolution in Koronadal, South Cotabato.

FWWPP said it is urging other organizations in South Cotabato to join the Education Revolution. They may write or e-mail FWWPP.

Bacoor, Cavite

Its parent-teacher community association will adopt the Gov. F. Espiritu Elementary School in Bacoor, Cavite.

The Gov. F. Espiritu Elementary School in Bacoor, Cavite is a model public school, but principal Lilia Paular said they lack classrooms and audiovisual equipment like many public schools.

In previous years, the PTCA, led by Dominga Celestino, had implemented a number of improvement projects. The adoption will help the PTCA sustain its assistance to the school.

Tanauan, Batangas

Ballsy Cruz of the Task Force Education Revolution said that for two years now, a small prayer group has been helping the Pagaspas Elementary School in Tanauan, Batangas.

With limited resources but lots of care, Susan Concepcion and her prayer group have helped in fixing up and repainting the school. They have also helped in the repair of classroom desks.

Concepcion's group is working on getting more textbooks for the pupils. She has asked the FWWPP to help her get a list of approved textbooks and where to get them.

Atimonan, Quezon

Benjamin Campomanes, a resident of the Alexandra Condominium, Ortigas Center, told FWWPP he is organizing an adoption group for the Tagbakin Elementary School near his hometown of Atimonan, Quezon.

Alfredo P. Hernandez

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The Friends of the IBF is the brainchild of Ms Ople to optimize the role of the core group of the crème de la crème of Manila socialites who have generously given their time (and check-books) for the cause of the IBF.

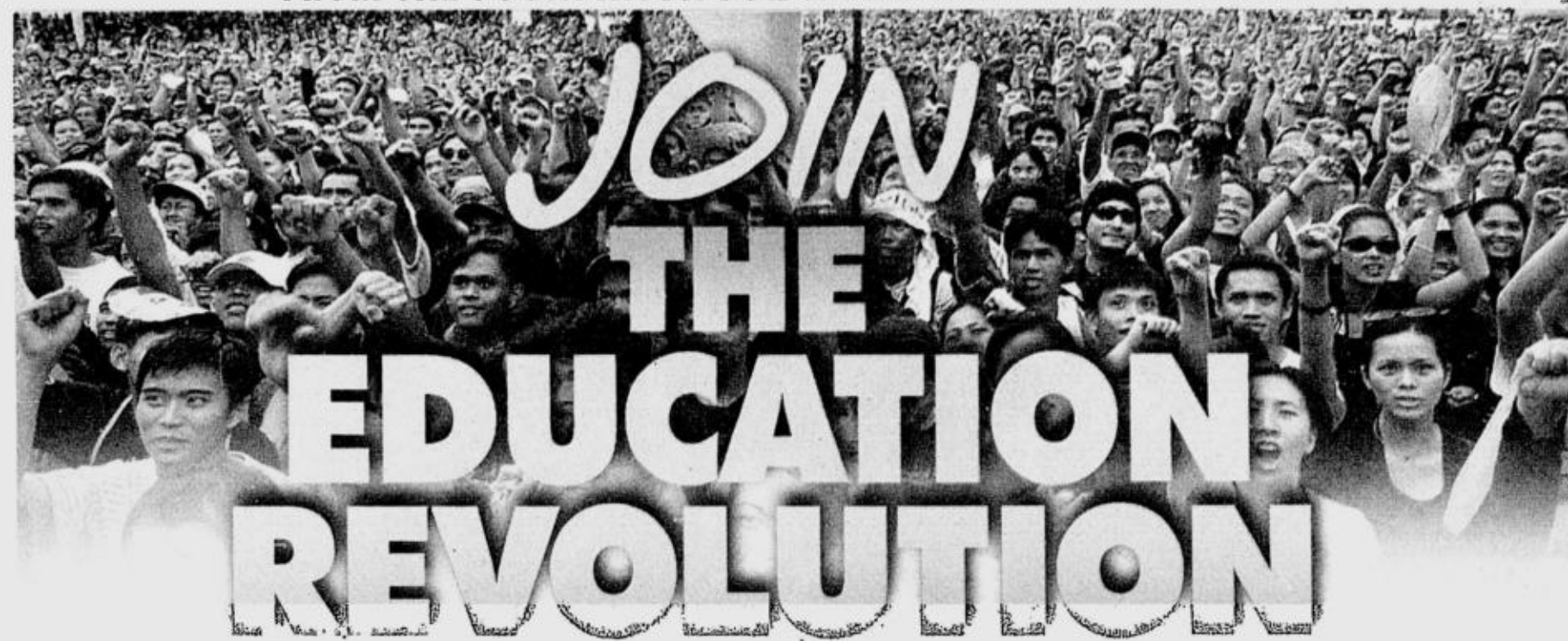
Honorary members of the board of trustees are Ladies of the Ambassadors Eija Liisa Antola (Finland), Kessara Arnold (Netherlands), Clarra Marra Colesanti (Italy), Micheline Jess (Germany), Tokiko Takano (Japan) and Leticia Syquia (Sovereign Military Order of Malta).

This year features an exhibit cum sale by 41 embassies (from Australia and Austria to the US and Vietnam) and 49 consulates (from Belize and Bolivia to Togo and Vanuatu), showcasing objets d'art, folk crafts, wearables, collectibles and delicacies. Local participants exhibit only the finest crafts from the Philippines pre-selected by the Center for International Trade Exposition and Missions (Citem). Felicidad V. Tan-Co, executive director of Citem, assured bazaar-hoppers that they would find only the finest and most creative quality designs from the choice exhibitors of Filipino craftsmen.

The IBF supports beneficiaries in the field of medical needs (from Luzon to Mindanao), livelihood projects and education. (It gave full tuition plus stipend to 104 scholars in seven educational institutions in 2001).

Tickets are available from the DFA IBF secretariat. Call 834-3907/834-4009.

FROM THE FOUNDATION FOR WORLDWIDE PEOPLE POWER



Ten years after EDSA I, seven people-who-care got together to try to make sure that 1986 People Power would not be forgotten. They felt strongly that People Power was a unique Philippine experience the country could be proud of—especially in the definition: People Power is a non-violent movement for a moral purpose. Thus was born the Foundation for Worldwide People Power Inc (FWWPP).

In January 2001 EDSA II resulted in the impeachment and removal of Joseph Estrada as President. Three months later, on May 1, there followed a violent demonstration by his followers. Although billed as EDSA III, it was a corruption of People Power. However, this rebellion sent a strong message: that the plight of the poor of the Philippines needs to be addressed.

One and a half years into the Macapagal-Arroyo government, the problems of the poor

remain despite the administration's well-meaning efforts. The FWWPP now feels that the nation urgently needs a new call for People Power. This time, the call is away from politics ... and in the direction of education.

The FWWPP is convinced (as our National Hero Jose Rizal himself said) that **education is the best weapon against poverty.**

We speak of education beyond the basic skills of reading, writing and arithmetic; education that emphasizes the value of love and concern for family, community, country; education that empowers and breeds citizens of purpose and vision.

There are 35,000 public elementary schools and 5,000 public high schools throughout the country. The government allocates money for them, but not enough to make them as effective as they should be.

This is where Civil Society can—and should—come in. The public school system needs Civil Society to see the sad state it is in, and to act. **Immediately.**



HOW TO ADOPT-A-SCHOOL

Let us start by addressing the basic needs of the elementary public school system. There must be an elementary public school in our immediate neighborhood.

Let us visit the school, meet with the principal and the teachers, find out their needs, talk with the parent-teacher community association and other community leaders, plan ways of helping the school.

Let us use People Power to move local officials to pay attention to the school.

Let us get local residents and business to support a school feeding program, or to donate additional textbooks and school supplies, or to boost the shelves in the school library.

If local help is not available, let us write our governor, our congressperson, our senators. They are our servants, and our children's.

In short, let us, caring Filipinos, adopt a public elementary school.

The FWWPP's doors are open if you need to consult with us. We offer our facilities to be the clearinghouse for all education-oriented activities.

Education is a slow process, but we must double our efforts so that the nation will feel the change soonest. For the sake of our children, we must fast track nothing less than a revolution in education.

For this kind of revolution, we need People Power. But we need not march to EDSA. Let us march instead to our nearest public school.

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MENTORING THE MENTORS PROGRAM

Mentoring the Mentors Program—conceptualized and developed jointly by the Marie Eugenia Foundation through Ms. Chinit Delgado Rufino and the UP College of Education through Dr. Celia Adriano and Dr. Evelyn Milliana. Mentoring the Mentors is a comprehensive Teacher Training Program that aims to empower teachers as Agents of Change by developing their mentoring skills and opening them to the concept of Education for Social Transformation. A key area of this program is the integration aspect. This is why it is conducted on-site, so that both the program facilitator and the participants fully appreciate the teaching and learning conditions unique to the participants' school. This program's target clientele are Teacher Educational Institutions (TEI) who are involved in educating future teachers and in-service teachers.

This project is ready to be fielded by the FWWPP under the chairmanship of Ms. Chinit Delgado Rufino.

PROGRAM CONTENT & DESIGN

A typical training session covers the following:
1.1. Mission and Vision of Education
1.2. The Role of the Educator
1.3. Teaching Skills and Methodologies
1.4. The Social Opic – a value formation module that reinforces the "ATIN" Mentality as against the "AKIN" Mentality
1.5. Making a Difference in Society through Leadership for Service – a leadership that can envision, energize, enable and empower.

METHODOLOGIES AND DYNAMICS

This program employs both inspirational and practical activities that will engage the whole person of the teachers such as team building exercises and networking exchanges.

For those who may not have the time but would still like to help, you can make a donation to our Adopt-A-School Program. Any amount you give will go a long way. Please fill out the form below and send by fax or email to:

FOUNDATION FOR WORLDWIDE PEOPLE POWER, INC.
ADOPT-A-SCHOOL PROGRAM
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(Please make your check payable to The Foundation for Worldwide People Power, Inc.)

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If you have a group or an organization that would like to undertake a specific project, you might want to consider the list below. We encourage you to make your donation directly to your beneficiary school. We can assist you in preparing your Memorandum of Agreement and other pertinent documentation if you wish. (We'd like to include you and your project in our database. Please fill out the form below and fax to the FWWPP at fax no. 633-2820 or email to fwwpp@gilnesx.com.ph.)

Organization:	Business Address:	Contact Numbers:	Email:
INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS			
School Library (structure only)	84 sq.m.		P600,000
Science / Computer Lab	7 m x 12 m		P480,000
Single story bldg with toilet	7 m x 9 m classroom with 1m x 1.5m toilet		P367,000/room x no. of rooms
Two-story bldg	-same as above-		P500,000/room x no. of rooms
Repair and rehabilitation of building			P40,000/classroom
CLASSROOM / STUDENT SUPPORT PROJECTS			
Classroom Learning Kit (50 kits / class)	1 bag, 8 textbooks, 8 notebooks, 3 writing pads, 1 set crayons, 1 eraser, 1 ruler, 1 pencil case		P60,000/class
Provision of textbooks for an entire class	8 textbooks/ student @ P75/ textbook		P30,000/class
School Feeding Program	120 feeding days at P10 per child		P60,000
MENTORING THE MENTORS for 20 teachers	5-day on-site Teacher Training		P100,000



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Magazine offers parenting tips from busy moms

OCTOBER is the month of Halloween, trick-or-treats and scary things. But working moms need not wait until October to deal with monstrous stuff. This month, Metro Working Mom allows mothers to have the smooth-

sailing shift from pressure to pleasure with tips from fellow busy moms. This month's issue has also put together helpful ideas for your children's Halloween costume party. Check out the Fashion Section for some adorable costumes like Batman,

Buttercup, Darth Maul and Dragon Ball. The issue also has a fashion section for moms on the petite side. The Real Fashion section presents clothes for small-framed women as modeled by celebrity Amy Perez. Strike a balance between work and

life. Read articles on how you can get promoted at work, discuss questions on your child's health and probe into the depths of what it takes to simplify our lives. On the cover is Lucy Torres-Gomez, who will tell readers how her simple ways have brought her the joy she had always wanted.

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TANTOCO (third from left) with PIA officers and directors Marilou Alejandro, Baltazar Endriga, Betty Ildefonso-Chakley, Silvana Diaz and Tillie Pelagallo

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Enchanting ruby evening with Cecile Licad

AFTER many years of working independently to promote friendship and understanding between the Philippines and Italy, the Philippine-Italian Association (PIA) remains as steadfast in its mission today as it was when it started 40 years ago.

Led by new president, Zenaida "Nedy" Tantoco of Rustan Marketing Corp., the PIA is staging a gala benefit concert at 7 p.m., Nov. 18 at the Cultural Center of the Philippines to celebrate its ruby anniversary. The event, "Una Notte d'Incanto," will feature internationally acclaimed pianist Cecile Licad, with the Philippine Philharmonic Orchestra, tenor Nolyn Cabahug and soprano Camille Lopez.

Proceeds of the concert, says Tantoco, will go to the PIA Endowment Fund, which supports the association's various charity projects. Tantoco, as member of the PIA board in 2000, spearheaded the creation of the endowment fund.

PIA's mission, explains board director Betty Ildefonso-Chakley, is primarily to encourage and nurture friendship between the two nations. With no direct support or funding from governments, the PIA has not wavered in its efforts to advance cultural, educational and technological exchanges between the countries.

Tantoco says the association's promotion of art and cultural shows is in keeping with Rustan's patronage of the performing arts. Funds generated from these shows go to PIA's charity projects.

Among PIA's projects is scholarship grants for deserving individuals. Among past grantees is National Artist Arturo Luz.

For the CCP concert, Licad will perform Rachmaninoff's piano version of Variations from a Theme of Paganini. Tenor Nolyn Cabahug will sing "Nessun Dorma" from Puccini's "Turandot," while Vienna-based soprano Camille Lopez will do "Un Bel di Vedremo" from Puccini's "Madame Butterfly." Lopez and Cabahug will share the stage for Mascagni's "Ahi Lo Vedi... No, no Turiddu" from "Cavalleria Rusticana."

Under the baton of Maestro Ruggero

The Philippine-Italian Association will celebrate its 40th anniversary with a musical concert



PIA president Zenaida "Nedy" Tantoco with PPO's Maestro Ruggero Barbieri



PREMIER pianist Cecile Licad

SOPRANO Camille Lopez



TENOR Nolyn Cabahug



PIA director Antonio Lagdameo

Barbieri, the PPO will perform Verdi's "Vesperi Siciliani Overture" and "Ritorno Vincitor" from "Aida," and Berlioz's "Carnival Overture."

After the concert, a by-invitation dinner catered by Margarita Forés will be hosted by Ralph's Wines and Spirits and FM radio station dzFE.

Cheche V. Moral

Tickets to "Una Notte d'Incanto" are available at all Ticketworld outlets (tel. 891-5610/5743); major National Book Store outlets; Robinsons Galleria and Robinsons Place Manila; Glorietta, Ayala Center; and Music Museum, Greenhills. Call the CCP box office at 832-3704/1125 local 1409; Marissa Ronquillo at 815-1301; Fe Manawis or Lulu Casas at 895-2109/6247/2404, or e-mail lgcasas@rgoc.com.ph.

Circle of life

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For the repressed Filipino female, the second adolescence comes much, much later—sometimes, after their mates are gone. One of the socially accepted forms it takes is the ballroom-dancing session with hired DIs. The old girls enjoy dressing up and being squired by their young partners. They get the attention that they miss in their old or dead husbands. It is like a real date, only this time the guy doesn't pay, the girl does. They dance. They flirt. Sometimes, they fall in love. When a matron goes overboard, gifting her partner with the departed husband's Italian shirts or the old extra car in the garage, all her friends gossip about her just as if she were a "fast" teenager.

Decision time

The real teenager, on the other hand, now done with college, is a young adult. He has a brand-new job and what promises to be a bright future. He has had a steady girl for some years, also finished with her degree. He is thinking of marriage. Will he be able to support a wife? A family? He has to make a decision. It is breakdown or breakthrough.

The meeting point of young adulthood (teenage and above) and mature adulthood (35 to middle age) is marriage. (Unless it's not.) Young adulthood usually progresses toward the commitment cycle of family and career, the embodiment of personal power, freedom and choices. The period is creative—the birthing of family, the building of name and reputation. They are survival years. Nose to the grindstone, focused on the job, and on the raising of chil-



dren, one is too busy to wonder whether he/she is happy. The growth of career and family continues into mature adulthood. Then the cycle declines, becomes a crisis in search of the wholeness and peace beyond this phase.

What part of the circle do early adolescence and its puppy love correspond to? But of course. Second childhood! With his children too busy making their place in the sun and the grandchildren at school all week, lolo, in his dotage, falls in love with his nurse, yaya, cook.

Everyone is much amused with lolo's love affair until, one day, the old man declares that he is going to marry his nurse/yaya/cook. All his children are suddenly up in arms. "But you're too old to get married!" they lash at him cruelly, just as in an earlier segment of life's circle his parents may have told him exasperatedly, "But you're too young to marry!" "Can't you see she's just after your money, she'll soon run off with a young man!" If the old man is determined, of course he marries her anyway, with his daughters as the reluctant sponsors.

Just as there are precocious children who walk and talk early there are old people who walk unaided, talk lucidly, see clearly and have active sex lives well into their dotage.

Late adult to the grace years, the last part of the circle, are the soul years. A sense of tranquility follows acceptance and surrender to the reality of death and life. This may bear fruits of wisdom for some, regret and unforgiveness for others. But with the resignation to things that one can no longer change, of maybe not having become as successful, as rich, as popular or loved as one wanted to be, comes a satisfaction very like happiness.

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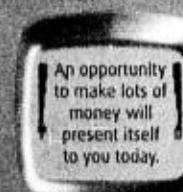
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Grand celebration honors Our Lady of the Pillar

THE CEBU Chapter of Hermanos y Hermanas de Zamboanga celebrated the annual fiesta in honor of Our Lady of the Pillar with more than the usual splendor and devotion. Led by president Gary Muñoz and his wife Charity, they observed a nine-day novena and had one big festivity on Oct. 12.

The affair was held at the shrine they built 10 years ago on the hills near the Girl Scouts camp. There is a replica of the one found in Fort Pilar (Zamboanga City), which commemorates the intercession of the Virgin Mary in repelling an attack by marauders centuries ago.

Edwina Johnston Veloso, a Zamboangueña and a trustee of the organization, proposed to make this year's celebration special by instituting what she hopes will become an annual tradition—La Ofrenda de Flores. The offering of flowers evokes a ritual that takes place every Oct. 12 in Zaragoza (Spain) in front of the Basilica of Our Lady of the Pillar.

The spot is well known to Marian devotees all over, as it is the site of the first apparition ever by the Virgin Mary, in the year 40 AD, while she was still alive either in Jerusalem or Ephesus. In a case of bilocation (transported by angels, as the traditional story goes), she appeared to the apostle St. James to deliver a special message.

She said Christian faith shall prevail in this world until the end of time, and so shall the pillar where she stood unmovable. She asked that a shrine be built on the spot, promising to assign an angel to guard it for all eternity. When she left, the angels put her statue, which is to be seen, and venerated in Zaragoza by countless pilgrims who visit the Basilica. Because America was discovered on Oct. 12 by Columbus, Our Lady of the Pillar is patron-

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ess of all Hispanic nations, and the Philippines is definitely considered one of them.

Because of their special affinity to Our Lady of the Pillar, the Zamboangueños, wherever they are, spread the devotion: in Cebu, since they erected the shrine, more and more devotees go there to pray and join in the Saturday rosary followed by an anticipated Mass. This year saw a great increase in those attending the novena prayers.

On the sixth day of the novena, there was a special ceremony to bless the new life-sized statue of the Virgin Mary, painted with vibrant colors and crowned with a sparkling diadem. Officiating was Rev. Fr. Jose Burgos of the Piarist Fathers, who comes from Zaragoza. Concelebrating the Mass with him was Rev. Fr. Mario Conti.

Occasions like this one attract the Zamboangueños and their friends to hold fellowships to cap the evening. Trustees and members of the organization take turns at hosting, and it is more than special when Mabel Gilo prepares her famous chicken/pork *adobo*. Mabel usually leads the prayers and hymns.

On the day of the grand feast, many people from the vicinity of the shrine, especially children, came to join in the procession carrying bundles of flowers. Edwina stood beside the statue, supervising how each stem was cut to the right size and inserted to form a colorful skirt of blossoms that covered the entire pillar. When this was thickly covered, additional



REV. Fr. Jose Burgos and Rev. Fr. Mario Conti of the Piarist Fathers with Charity and Gary Muñoz

flowers were put on vases that filled stands and pedestals all around the statue.

All the children were given *merienda* and treated to a fireworks display before they were asked to release 100 blue balloons with a message of faith. One cannot help but congratulate the Hermanos y Hermanas de Zamboanga for this beautiful manifestation of faith, expressed with such spontaneous gladness of heart.

Kudos to Gary and Charity (she serves as secretary of the organization) and all the rest of the trustees: VP Ramon Sebastian, treasurer Vivian Padawan, Arthur Areias Jr., Rosita Atilano,

Jesus Buaya, Napoleon Doctor, Isidro Jose, Ben Santos, Conchita Uy, Helenita Yap, Inocentes Yap and past president Mauricio Padawan.

Joel Bustamante and Darling Whitehead were in the fiesta committee, and Monette Aliño served master of ceremonies during various occasions. Even as the Zamboangueños continue with their Saturday prayers, and are planning an even bigger celebration next year, they have added another project to their calendar.

They would like to make this the site of a new parish dedicated to their beloved patroness. They recall how circuitous circumstances led them to this area,



EDWINA Johnston Veloso supervises the Ofrenda de Flores to Our Lady of the Pillar.

which is adjacent to a neighborhood populated by many underprivileged families. They live in shanties that trickle down to the Guadalupe River.

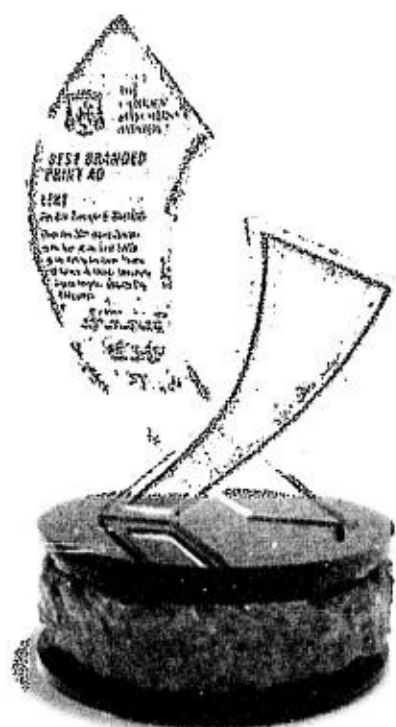
More than 10 years ago, while the Zamboangueños were searching for a site to build their Fort Pilar shrine replica, they visited many areas until they came to this one, which was rather out of hand. They persevered in their intent and, with the cooperation of many, built the shrine in record time.

The dedication was set on Dec. 8, 1992, with a Mass scheduled at 4 p.m. A Zamboangueño pilot at the Mactan Air Force Base prom-

ised to shower the area with flowers during the service's highlights. But for some mysterious reason, the Mass was delayed and the flowers were dropped long before the whole thing started.

Finally, the Mass began, officiated by Msgr. Rudy Villanueva. When the consecration came, a breeze blew, shaking the numerous tall trees that surrounded the area. Petals dropped earlier by the plane settled among the tree branches and leaves. Now, with the breeze, they flew in the direction of the improvised altar and settled there. Everyone understood that this was indeed their patroness' chosen spot.

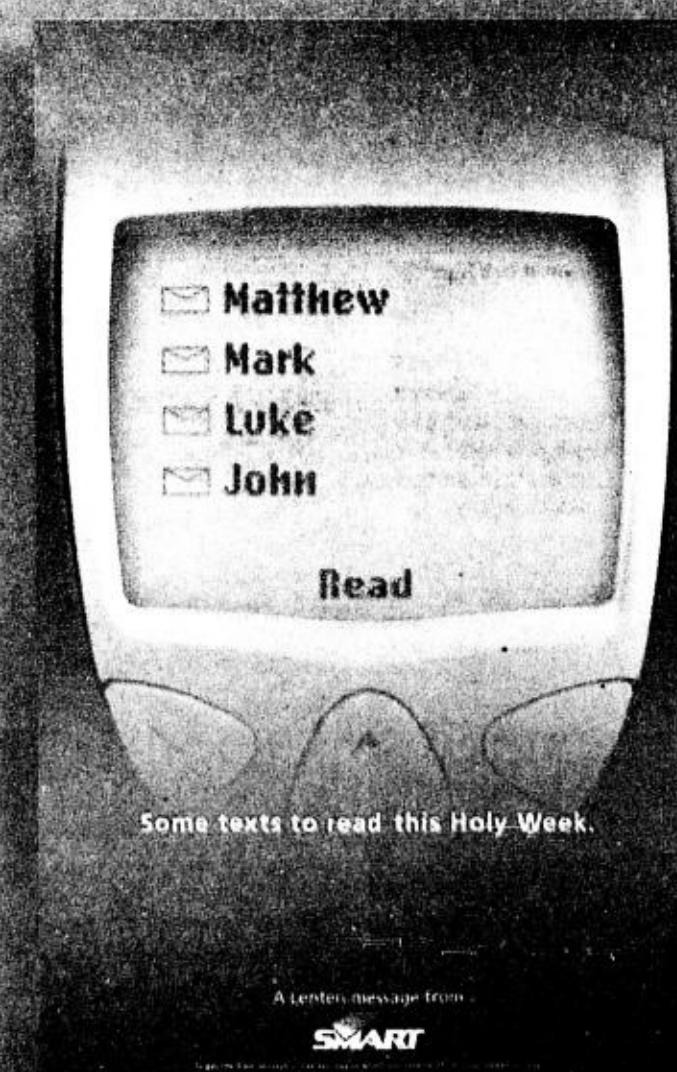
SMART Print Ad Earners CMMMA Award



This year, SMART Communications won Best Branded Print Ad for its "Lent" Print Ad. Conceptualized and executed by Ace Saatchi and Saatchi Philippines, it presents a poignant call back to basic Christian values in this age of commerce and technology. Lost in the din of daily work schedules that increasingly grow ever more hectic, all one has to do is find solace and comfort in the texts of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.

Through the Catholic Mass Media Awards (CMMMA), the Archdiocese of Manila honors and celebrates communicators who help promote basic human values: Love of God, Love for Truth, Respect for the Natural Environment, Promotion of Positive Filipino Values, and Love for Life. His Eminence Jaime L. Cardinal Sin said that by means of these awards, he pays tribute "to their trade, their industry, to their service to the people."

First given out in 1978 and every year onwards (except 1998, and 1999), the CMMMA was graced by his Holiness Pope John Paul II in 1980. That year he said to media professionals, "I would ask you always to be keenly aware of your responsibility. The images you film, the sounds you record, the programs you



Some texts to read this Holy Week.

A Lenten message from
SMART

broadcast, cross every barrier of time and space, what people see and hear in your transmissions and commentaries heavily influence the way they think and act."

The CMMMA

awards are given after being decided upon by a body of jurors chosen by organizers and confirmed by His Eminence Jaime L. Cardinal Sin for their competence, impartiality and integrity. Most jurors

are practitioners in the field of communications, but there have also been academicians, civic and religious leaders, members of the clergy and the religious.

The CMMMA recognizes that there is a revolution in communication with the advent of the Internet and mobile phones. Newly introduced in 2001, the Internet category represents this realization. SMART Communications has been a steadfast partner with the CMMMA and the Archdiocese of Manila's mission to work towards a responsible and values-filled media. SMART remains committed to its own efforts in honoring and promoting genuine Christian values through the responsible operation of mass media.

Big Cartier, white orchids, Bali terror, Jimmy Choo and Josh Groban (vicariously)

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a friend pointed a man out to me and said he was Jimmy Choo, my first question was, "How do you spell his last name?" I was just making sure, you just don't know it could have been Chu, Tsu, Chiu or Chew.

He was such a mild-mannered and down-to-earth man. In the "ambush" interview (which resembled more of a terrorist attack because I did not let him go for at least 10 minutes), I asked how he felt that everyone just loves his creations and that every major celebrity in the planet is wearing his shoes. He said, "It does not matter whether they are celebrities or not; I'd like as many women as possible to own a pair of my shoes..."

So what's your secret in being at the top of your field? I asked. "One needs to be consistently creative and should not take anything for granted, and should explore all possibilities. Persevere," he answered.

I was very thrilled meeting him. And I was very glad I did not clam up like the time I met Tom Ford, when all I could say was, "Congratulations."

Back in Manila, while I was telling my friend that I met Jimmy Choo, I got a text from Irene Francisco, who is in New York with husband Dr. Randy Francisco. She sent me an SMS saying, "Guess who is in the next table? Josh Groban." I sent her an SMS back with the who, what, where, when and why? He was with his family and, yes, the curls were real. She was trying to get the courage to get an autograph but got embarrassed. I was so jealous, so I told her I met Jimmy Choo, that he was so cool and nice, etc., but kept asking her what they were doing and how he looked like. Later on, I had to tell her the truth that I would have rather met Josh than Jimmy. Oh well...

Must-have home accessory—the white phalaenopsis. If there is one item of home décor to signify that you have "it" (think: elegance, class, etc.), it is the orchid. And the queen of orchids in terms of beauty, purity, elegance, simplicity and exoticism is the white phalaenopsis. This work of nature is deemed more of an objet d'art (at more than half the price) like a Ming vase or Thai Buddha than just floral décor. So, if you are still hooked with the plastic look—stop, take a look at yourself in the mirror and repeat these words, "Throw the damn thing away!" It's too '70s. The white phalaenopsis is and always will be the most wonderful décor you'll ever need.

Something to think about. An article in Men's Health magazine says women whose partners or husbands (hopefully) do not use a condom are less prone to be depressed. Medical research shows that the sperm has something to do with it. Hmm, makes me think that's probably the reason why we are overpopulated and a bunch of happy people. Here is one of those things that go against the grain of the saying, "As long as you're happy!" Think about it, there are 80 million people in the Philippines; in the next 10 years, we probably would look like India. So, is happiness really all that important, when there's nothing to eat? My solution, use a condom and be depressed. There's always Prozac, chocolates and friends to cheer you up!

Bali Hai or What is this world going to? Two weeks ago, I was in Bali during the bombing in Kuta, which killed 180 people. It was one of the worst tragedies to come after the 9/11 attacks. I was in Bali for a Tatler regional conference, of which eight countries

were represented. The morning of the bombing, the GM of the hotel I was staying in told us to remain in the hotel. Honestly, we really did not think of the repercussions of the whole incident, so we decided to go to Ubud to do some sightseeing and shopping. Bali is such a magical and peaceful place, and the people are so nice and friendly that it was inconceivable for something like the bombing to happen there. I only felt the repercussions in the evening when one of my colleagues from the Indonesian Tatler relayed a story about three of his staff.

They were driving home when they passed by the street where the bomb set off. They saw a fireball approaching, which consumed the cars in front of them. Their immediate reaction was to get out of the car, but the fire hit the driver, burning his shirt and chest, and all three were sprayed with glass shards.

Even through all that, they managed to get out. All this took place in seconds, and once they got out of the car, they collapsed. When

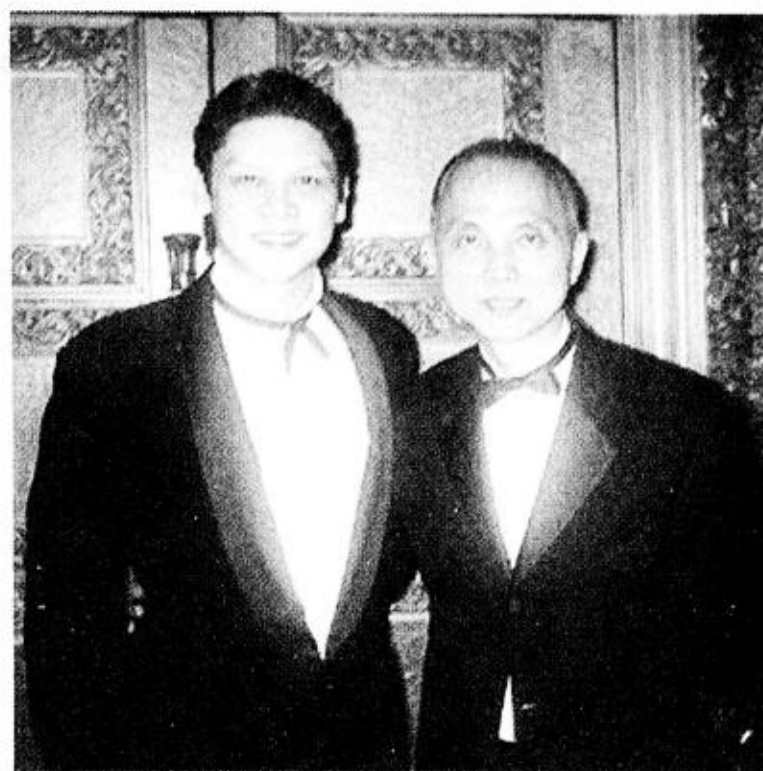
they woke up, they were in the hospital.

I really had to cringe at that story. Only because more and more, I realized the finiteness of life and how quickly, with one false decision, it can be all over. Of course, destiny plays a vital role, too.

Leaving Bali on a Tuesday, the airports were not jam-packed as the papers said it would be. It was still "as normal as possible," given the circumstances. I was talking to some locals, and they were saying how Bali would never be the same again. The GM of the hotel even said he received a lot of wedding and honeymoon cancellations.

It's sad what's happening to our world. We can only remain vigilant and pray that terrorism, fear, anger, violence and all the negativity and destruction in this world be overwhelmed by hope and peace.

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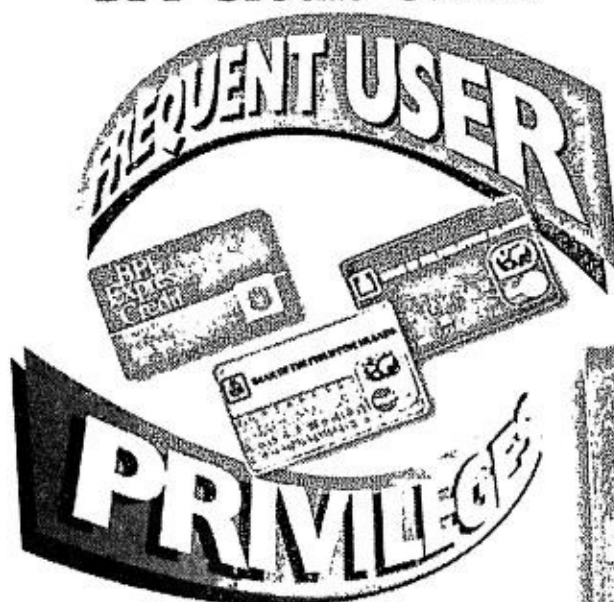


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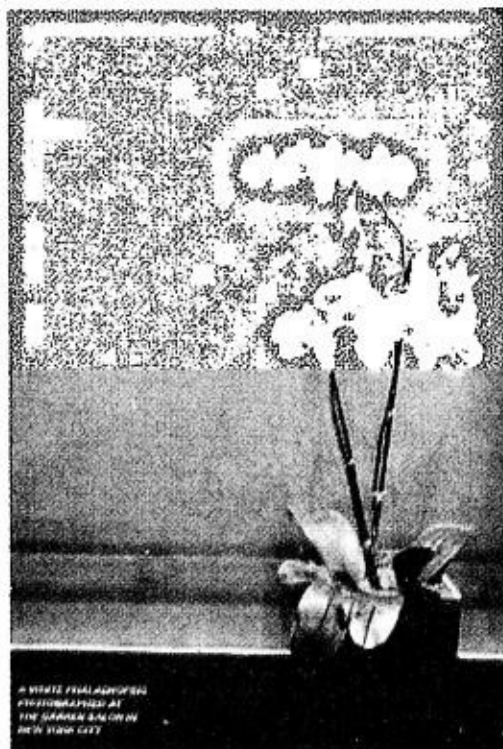
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Circle of life

By Gilda Cordero Fernando

WATCHING a parent growing old, one suddenly realizes what "life is a circle" really means. It hit me outside a US department store when I overheard an exasperated young man telling his grandmother: "Now you stay there. Don't you go wandering around or I'll have a hard time finding you. It will take me only five minutes to buy that glue I need and I want to find you right there. So just stay there, right where you are, okay?" All it lacked was the bribe of a red balloon and one would have believed it was a 3-year-old the fellow was talking to.

First, it is forgetting things. One has to repeat over and over to the aging person—"the car is in the repair shop, that's why we can't go out." Or "You just drank your medicine a while ago." Or "Don't you remember, Mrs. Molina died last year?"

The aging parent loses many things—ID cards, keys, glasses, wallet. After several particularly painful losses, the aging person expresses a desire to be relieved of day-to-day responsibilities. One offspring takes over the taxes, the insurance and the rent collection. She is happy enough to get a fixed allowance. She looks to the new manager for decisions and advice on everything from what to put on her thinning hair to how to treat the relative who won't talk to her.

Like a toddler, the old man's judgment of spaces is poor. He can't walk without stumbling. His children keep telling him not to cross the street alone but, once in a while, he will manage to dash triumphantly across unaccompanied, holding up his cane as if to

During his crisis years the middle-aged man feels just as lost as the young person, having reached the peak of his powers and nowhere to go but down

part the Red Sea (while the jeepneys collide). One day he is (or is almost) sideswiped (or he slips in the bathtub). From then on, he is assigned a *yaya* or a houseboy to accompany him wherever he goes. (He resents this, so the houseboy has to trail *lolo* 10 ft away). The senior citizen becomes petulant, like a 4-year-old, sulking because his daughter or his wife is "always scolding" him. "Ang tigas ng ulo," people around him complain.

Finally, he has one friend left. All the others have appeared on the obituary page, the only part of the newspaper the old man still turns to. The passing of each friend deteriorates him greatly. Soon he won't eat meat, only fish, mashed potatoes, fruits and soft rice, eventually only gruel. He loses most of his teeth and his hair, becoming, in the end, as toothless and bald as a newborn babe.

One day, the old man is too weak or too sick to get up. Like an infant, he lies in bed all day. He has to be cleaned and spoon-fed. He wets his pajamas. After a particularly disastrous incident, one helpful relative suggests that they put a diaper on *lolo*.

If a young child talks to imaginary playmates or spirit beings one can't see, so a person close to death sees departed relatives and friends who have come to fetch

him. He sleeps longer and longer, waking up only for his milk or juice. One day, he curls up in a fetal position and sleeps forever.

Birth is going through a canal into the harsh light of day. Death, we've heard people say who have been close to it and come back, is passing through a long dark tunnel and coming into the light of another dimension. A baby, they say, comes from the angels, while a dying person is going back to the angels.

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One observes that *lola's* hardest old-age years are from 70 to 80, when she is rebelling against the slipping of memory, the loss of concentration, the adjustment to a deteriorating body. The leaving behind of knowledge, one observes, is just as difficult as the entry into it. Until she one day realizes that the information she has stored is slowly turning into wisdom. Now people are attracted to the senior citizen no longer for her looks but because experience has made her a respected adviser. For the young person, learning is accompanied by idealism, romanticism and a sense of immortality (which, sometimes, develops into a superman syndrome, a cause of disillusionment).

The childhood years, roughly

from 1 to 14, are the body years, devoted to growth and discovery. The outside world is vast, full of wonders and beyond comprehension. God lives in the sky and the rain is God's tears. Clouds are cotton candy. Thunder is when someone is bowling up there. Only to the mature person does the inner world, the world of the invisible, become a reality again. As with the child, God can be felt within.

By 7 years old, the child has begun school. She hates the discipline of having to rise early, getting into a uniform and acquiring an education. It is difficult to remember all those words and numbers. Just as difficult as it is for an old lady to accept that she is leaving behind all the knowledge she has acquired from schooling and reading. Until she realizes that she is entering a new and exciting spiritual phase. Then, she becomes just as happy as the little girl who has begun to discover that the world of books and stories and numbers and formulas are wonderful enough to explore.

If one takes an earlier segment of the life cycle, the teenage years, one soon realizes that its counterpart is middle age. Both are crisis periods. In both, the physical security and identification offered by the family set-up (the original or the family one has raised) are

being questioned. There is a glimmering awareness of freedom, sense of self, the possibility of inner security and choices.

But also, the teenager feels lost. She carries her I'm-a-victim-of-my-parents baggage, and is searching for her true "home." She craves an identity and finds it in a group. They wear the same clothes, like the same music, have the same idols, speak their own private language. Like others, one may experiment on drugs and get hooked.

The teenaged girl meets other young people. Boys. Who is Mr. Right? She finds him in the bowling alley or the university canteen or a rock-climbing event. Soon, they realize they're in love.

Just as lost

During his crisis years, the middle-aged man feels just as lost as the young person. He has reached the peak of his powers and there's nowhere to go but down. Time is running out. He is sick of the rat race. He needs a new lease on life.

He enters mid-life like a young boy entering adolescence. He grows his hair long (or short) depending on the fashion, and wears loose or tight shirts (or pants). In contrast to the young man who tries so hard to look

older than his years, the middle-aged man does his darndest to look younger than his age. Like the teenager, he suddenly needs and enjoys the company of young girls (or just another woman).

One day, forgetting that he has an old wife at home, the middle-aged teenager falls madly in love. He lavishes his love object with gifts. They have long phone calls. They tryst. Like a teenager, he steals out of the house, and from his disapproving wife whom he now treats like a strict mother (horrors, calling her "mama" has become a reality). The angrier his wife gets, the more hopelessly in love he is.

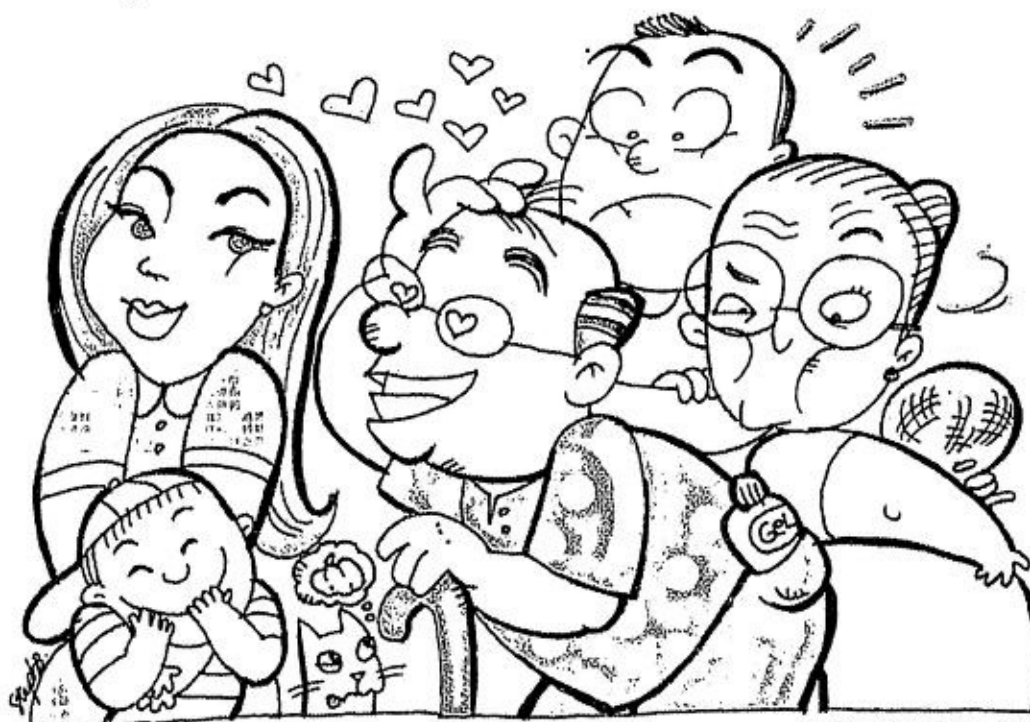
The love peaks. He questions the commitment issue. It is breakdown or breakthrough. If the marriage has always been rocky, he may opt to end it and start a new family. If the marriage has been fairly satisfactory, he may repent, go through the marital storm and stay with his old wife. It is destroy or transcend.

If a shift in consciousness triggered the rebellion (from the security and accomplishments in the social and material world), desires of another sort now emerge. These are an undefined desire for faith, a spiritual home, peace, acceptance and unconditional love.

Eventually, it is plateau time again. He struggles to adjust to his new wife or to his old one who has gone through an upheaval and isn't about to take anything more sitting down. Years after, the decision it is still shaky ground, adjustment time all over again, just as in a new marriage.

Then, a time comes when the old couple realizes that they are over the hump—they have passed the crisis of middle age! There is no more question about it—they will live together, in sickness and in health, through poverty and riches, through crankiness and boredom, until death do them part. They realize that even if they can't stand each other, they can't live without each other, which may be just another definition of love.

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Sunday LIFESTYLE

Lifestyle goes to Palawan

Known as the Philippines' eco-tourism capital, Palawan is no doubt deserving of the title with still substantial forest cover, rich bio-diversity in both land and sea, and people who have become fiercely committed environmentalists. But, as Lifestyle's team discovered, Palawan has more than nature's beauty to recommend it to visitors, both local and foreign.



CAPARII Resort in San Vicente

Former logging town lives down its past

Text by Rowena C. Burgos
Photos by Joan Bondoc

ONCE known as a logging municipality when the Pagdanan Timber Co. in Port Barton was still operational, San Vicente is little known to most tourists.

Located on the northwestern side of Palawan, the municipality, then known as Malagnang, started as just a part of the capital city of Puerto Princesa. Settled by the Agutaynens and Cuyunens, two Palawan ethnic groups, a disagreement arose on who should be the town's patron saint. The Cuyunens wanted St. Vincent Ferrer, while the Agutaynens preferred San Isidro Labrador. To resolve the issue, the two sides drew lots. St. Vincent won and became not only the patron saint, but also the new name of Malagnang, San Vicente.

In 1972, the municipal council of Puerto Princesa passed Resolution No. 871-71, making San Vicente a separate political unit. The municipal council of Taytay, a town in northeastern Palawan, passed Resolution No. 48, apportioning some of its territories to San Vicente.

The municipality derives much of its rev-

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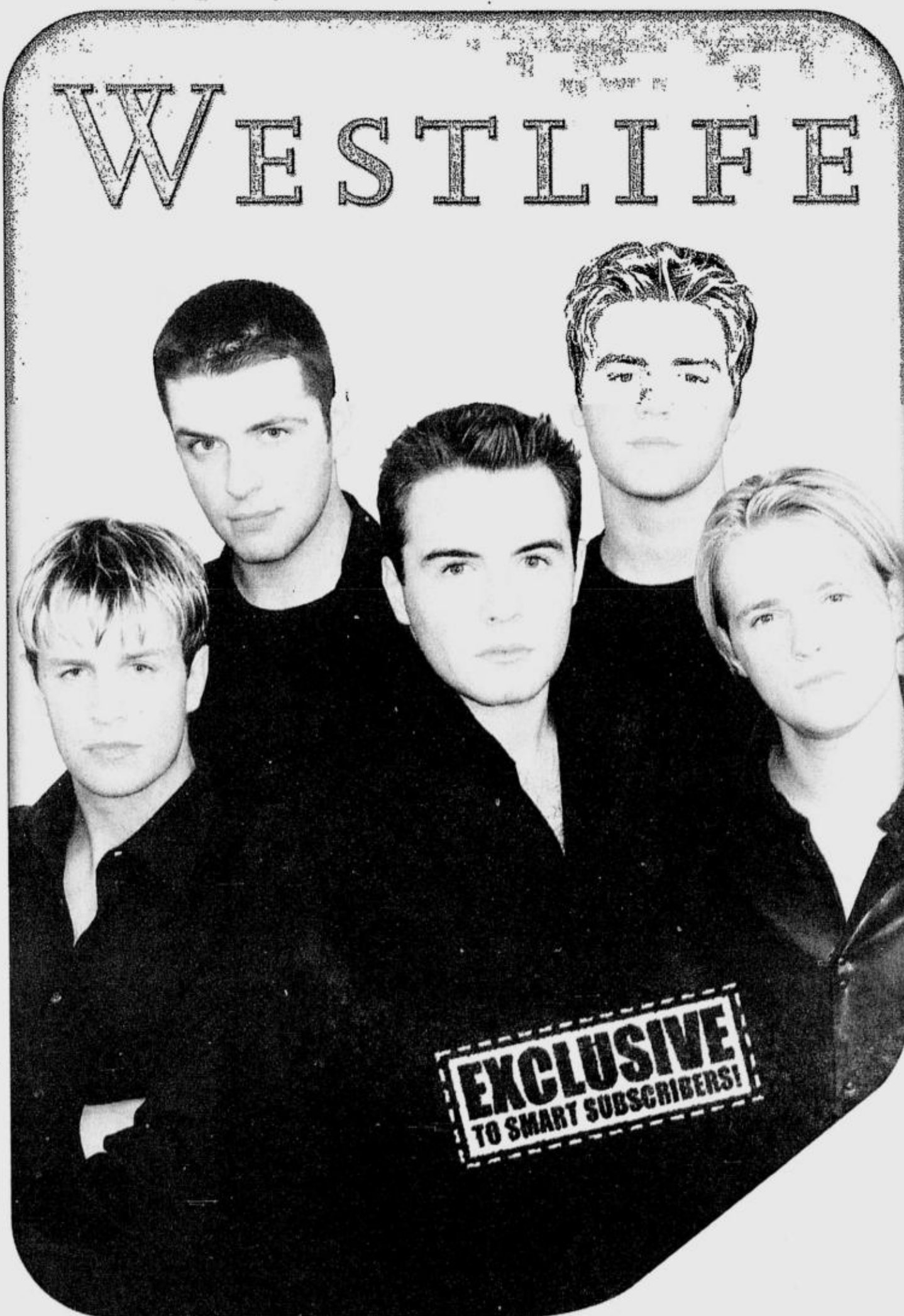
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TRAVEL

Editor Rosario A. Garcellano

By the cool waters of MAHAGNAO

By Lito Cinco
Contributor

THE TWIN islands of Leyte and Samar, as well as the smaller island of Biliran, do not rank among the country's top tourist destinations. Or at least not yet.

But the truth is that this part of the country offers many historic attractions, as in the case of Leyte where Gen. Douglas MacArthur made good his promise to Filipinos during World War II to return. Samar and Biliran both offer natural attractions, albeit mostly undeveloped.

But this does not mean that Leyte is lacking in that regard. For natural attractions, there are the mountain lakes of Burauen, just around 46 kilometers away from Tacloban. Add another 19 km on rough, uphill roads to reach the lakes, Mahagnao being the biggest and the most famous.

The fact is that the place has been declared the Mahagnao Volcano Nature Park, after a dormant volcano that looms in the background. The park is around 700 hectares, with the 45-hectare Mahagnao Lake as the centerpiece.

The actual adventure did not begin with the trip to Burauen, which I and two companions took over good roads and in a 4-wheel-drive. (The fare for the ride in a jeep or mini bus is P30 apiece.) We proceeded to the municipal police station—first to log in and then to ask for a guide and driver.

After a short wait, we were told that our transport had arrived. Upon seeing a 125-cc motorbike with no side car, I mentioned the fact that there were three of us going to Mahagnao Lake. At which the policemen all smiled and said the motorbike could take even up to five passengers.

We could not but believe them, with the three of us riding behind our driver cum tour guide.

It was a steep, 45-minute ride to the top. We found a community up there, a barangay of around 500 people, but we were able to get only snippets of information as they could understand only a smattering of Tagalog.

We were told tales of *engkanto* in the lake, of outsiders drowning, of survivors having



THE BIGGEST and most famous of Burauen's mountain lakes (top) is surrounded by virgin forest.

experienced a force pulling them underwater.

But looking at the serene and postcard-pretty lake nestling between mountains, we felt no negative vibes, just the feeling of being at peace with nature.

We learned later from city folk that there are actually three lakes there. The small one is called Malagsum (meaning "warm waters"), and as one goes farther, the bigger Mahagnao ("cool waters") emerges. The third, Mahabao (for the underwater grass growing in it), we were not able to see as it is located near the top of Mahagnao Volcano.

For the more adventurous, there is a waterfall about three km away, going downward over very rough terrain. According to our informant, the waterfall, which comes from

Mahagnao Lake, is around 180 feet high, very slender, cold and clear, and definitely worth a trip. How unfortunate that we did not have the luxury of time.

There are no resorts or lodging houses in the area. Village folk say the few foreign tourists who have discovered this beautiful mountain lake bring their tents and pitch camp somewhere for a cold but bracing overnight stay. They also rent boats and leisurely paddle on the calm waters, unmindful of the local folk fishing.

It is uncertain whether Mahagnao Volcano will ever again erupt. But before that happens, take a trip to the nature park named after it and spend time marvelling at God's creation.



THIS motorbike actually takes five persons including the driver.

Mandaue comes into its own

By Abe Florendo
Contributor

TO MANY visitors of Cebu, Mandaue is that nondescript place lying at the foot of the twin bridges that they pass on their way to the airport on Mactan island. People who know a little bit more about this Visayan region will be able to place Mandaue as one of the cities of Metropolitan Cebu along with Lapu-Lapu, Consolacion, Toledo, Danao—and Cebu City, of course. But there's the rub. Cebu City overshadows them all, swallows them whole, makes mincemeat of their identities.

Mandaue is not going to tolerate this much longer. In search of its past and identity, especially for the sake of its old families and long-time residents who have made it one of the most progressive cities in the country and the center of the region's industrialization, Mandaue is finally coming into its own. Last Aug. 30 it held its colorful Mantawi Festival, the first of what is intended to be a continuing yearly celebration of its heritage, its place in the country's storied past, and its distinct personality today and in the future.

The Mantawi Festival was also the realization of the city elders' dream, thanks to the determination of the present mayor, Thadeo Z. Oanu, whose family can trace its roots to 'early post-Spanish

colonial times or even farther back. "For the longest time we had wanted to come up with a festival that we could call our own—one that would be an authentic depiction of our historical beginnings and our early culture and traditions," says the mayor.

It had to be their own festival and, more pointedly, it had to be a departure from the Sinulog of Cebu City, which Mandaue also traditionally celebrates a week later with its own street-dancing festival. And for a deeply solemn reason: Mandaue is integral to the Sinulog religious procession that in fact starts at dawn at Mandaue's St. Joseph parish church, where the Little Child Jesus pays a visit to His father before proceeding to Cebu City on a boat, alighting at the Ouanu wharf.

"We are proud to be part of the Sinulog of Cebu City," says Mayor Oanu. "But this is precisely our point: We can't always be a satellite of Cebu City."

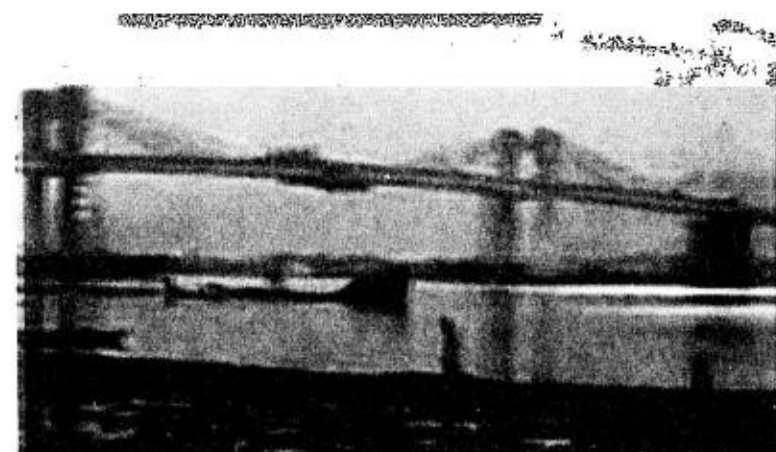
Other towns and cities have designated their festivals around the culture of ethnic minorities, religious practices, historical traditions—or, lacking these, their major produce (for example, the Panaad festivals in Negros Occidental inspired by their bounty of crabs, among others, or the Panagbenga flower festival in Baguio) or even culinary specialty (the lechon parade of Balayan). Others, like the popular Masskara of Bacolod City, are

nothing more than imaginative "productions" to help memorialize a certain eventful phase in their history.

Mandaue wanted a festival with an authentic, undisputable historical and cultural foundation. The city government, through its most senior councilor, Alfonso L. Albano (who would eventually be known as the Father of the Mantawi Festival), sought the help of Tonette Panares, historian and curator of the Southwestern University Museum in Cebu City, who diligently dug into vintage tomes and documents and came up with a stupendous finding.

"Mandaue has a heritage and history as old as Cebu," she says. "According to early written accounts of the place, it was already called Mandaue during the time of Magellan. It played its own unique role in the Cebu-Acapulco galleon trade across the Pacific Ocean, and, more importantly, figured in the colonization efforts by Legaspi in the name of the King of Spain."

Panares, who dispenses historical facts like scattershot, combed the intimidating tome, Fr. Gaspar San Agustin's "Conquistas de las Islas Filipinas 1565-1615" (first bilingual edition, Spanish and English, 1998, Manila) and unearthed this heretofore unknown, or forgotten, or ignored, little gem: Magellan, in search of



THE SECOND Mandaue-Mactan bridge, completed in October 1999

"a better port and more capable and more friendly people," set sail toward Cebu in the company of the king of Limasawa and his coterie of noblemen.

It sets you to thinking, though: Where could there be a friendlier people than these noblemen who had offered to accompany him? Three weeks earlier they had even allowed themselves to be baptized in a faith they hardly understood (the awesome sight of Magellan's cannons apparently quickly enlightened them more than any preaching could). "Coasting between Leyte and Bohol, close to Camotes Islands," Magellan "shortly discovered the mouth of the cove of Cebu called Mandaue." The ruler there was called Datu Lambuzan (oddly spelled in Pigafetta's account with a double z).

The discovery of the cove of Mandaue—if you'll overlook the early Spaniards' penchant for "discovering" places as if these

leapt into existence only upon their sighting—was reinforced with another reference to Mandaue's shoreline barangay called Tipolo where Legaspi's four galleons—San Pedro, San Juan, San Lucas and San Pablo—were brought for repair. This, posits Panares, makes Tipolo (where San Miguel Brewery is now located) the site of the first dry dock facility in the country.

Earlier in 1565, Felipe Salcedo, with the veteran navigator Fray Urdaneta, sailed from Cebu to Acapulco on the San Pablo and mapped out the transpacific sea route for the legendary galleon trade between Manila and Mexico that went on for more than two centuries.

To these nuggets of historical references, Panares has added the charming legend of the origin of the word Mandaue. Oral tradition has it that Mandaue comes from

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STREET dancers display symbols of bounty from the sea.

Mandaue comes into its own

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the name of the mantawi, a sturdy vine that grew profusely along the coasts; however, no one alive today in Mandaue can bear witness to its existence, much less describe how it looks. Further research by Panares yielded a catalogue listing of a hardwood called tawi, which, like the mantawi vine, may be now extinct.

It is possible, says Panares, that people in those days would say, "Mantawi ta (Let's look for a tawi tree)." A hardwood like this would jibe perfectly with Mandaue's reputation for skilled carpenters and furniture makers.

And to provide texture to the festival, and give it its imaginative—but still authentic—*mise-en-scene*, Tonette's husband, the painter Manuel Panares, drew on the colorful Pintados of 16th-century Visayas and the different eras in the history of Mandaue from the Spanish times until it became a chartered city in 1969. And most remarkable of all, the project had the total cooperation of Mandaue's mayor and his city council (which came up with the P5 million to put up the festival) as well as the city's first lady, Linda Ouano (who saw to it that the funds were ready when needed).

Thousands of schoolchildren in public and private schools were mobilized to make up the contingents of street dancers, and some of Mandaue's prominent citizens were the "actors" in the "living dioramas."

Music, dancing and dioramas were integral to the Mantawi Festival, which was held as part of the 33rd Charter Day celebration of Mandaue City. Almost half of the P5-million budget from City Hall went to the children's costumes and their meals during rehearsals for three months, and decorations for the floats, as the city government had decided to eschew commercial sponsors and, effectively, deter a clamorous and meaningless commercial ring to the festivities. "I want this festival purely for the education and the enjoyment of the people of Mandaue," Mayor Ouano had said.

This integrity of purpose made it easier and faster for the city to make things move.

It had been raining in the afternoons and evenings in Cebu for the past few weeks and there was fear that it might spoil the parade on that special Friday. But the Office of the Mayor had sent word that, rain or shine, the show would go on. "We've done our part," said a city councilor. "God will

take care of the rest."

And what a miraculous day it turned out to be. The sun was out with much cooperation as the pageantry-on-floats unfolded and the colorfully costumed schoolchildren danced on the city's main thoroughfares. (The best decision City Hall made was to employ schoolchildren to depict in mime and dance the various eras in Mandaue's history. The children danced with charm, energy and a great determination to please, eliciting resounding cheers from the people lined four deep on both sides of Ouano Avenue.)

Not until the fourth of the seven floats passed before the grandstand did the gray sky reluctantly let up with a brief drizzle. But the crowd was too excited to notice, likewise the street dancers, and so to the last diorama-on-wheels the festival wound to its climax—a 40-minute fireworks display that had everyone lustily cheering.

The people, under Mayor Ouano and his father Mayor Alfredo M. Ouano before him, have all reason to celebrate. The bustling city of 260,000 people straddles two major entry/exit points, the international airport in Lapu-Lapu City on Mactan and the international port in Cebu City. Because of this strategic advantage, Mandaue has attracted the industrial sector (which, although accounting for only 12.6 percent of the total number of establishments in the city, posted a gross income in 2001 of P20 billion) and the commercial and service sectors (with a gross income of P18 billion), making it one of the most progressive cities in the country today.

The mayor has promised to continue his father's projects. He is also pushing his own, including the production of skilled personnel for the various industries operating in the city, and urban renewal and infrastructure programs, including the establishment of a Philippine World Exhibition Center meant especially for Cebu's furniture industry (75 percent of which has its factories in Mandaue.)

But as important to him is the newly documented history and heritage of Mandaue, a festival of its own. A visitor has to go farther away from the foot of the twin bridges to discover the city and its character that one can't appreciate on the way to the airport. It will be a discovery as fresh and exciting as Magellan's first sight of Mandaue on April 7, 1521.

Halloween lineup

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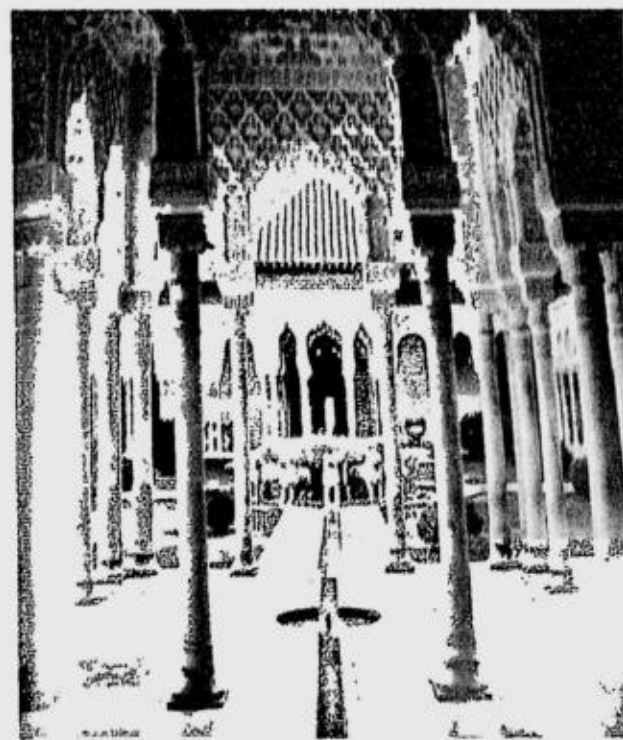
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The proceeds will benefit retired flight attendants who are out of work and their dependents.

There are 6,000 tickets in all, selling at P300 each at Magnum Greenbelt 2, Pravda Bar on Reposo Street, Makati City, Cork-Rockwell, Mandy Navasero Studio on 1935 Dominga Street, Makati (call 522-1905), and PAL In-Flight Center at Nichols (call 874-8722, ask for Ruth Mangahas or Wesley Calfoforo).

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EMIRATES' economy class has been voted the best by readers of the United Kingdom's Business Traveller magazine.

It was the first time for the Dubai-based international airline to win the award. But it won the best medium-haul airline award from the same magazine for the third time in as many consecutive years.

The airline jumped from third place in last

year's poll to win the economy-class category ahead of Singapore Airlines and last year's winner, Virgin Atlantic. In the medium-haul category, which covers business flights between 5 and 10 hours, British Airways came second and Singapore Airlines, third.

The awards were presented to Don Foster, Emirates' director of service delivery, by Business Traveller editor Nick Perry and guest speaker Lord Richard Attenborough, the veteran British actor/director.

Gaming high

THE ROWS of high-tech slot machines occupying three floors of the Pan Pacific Hotel in Manila are intended to raise the level of gaming in the Philippines to world standards. "But they are primarily for entertainment," said Andrew Toh Joo Meng, general manager of the Pacific Palm Corp.-Creative Pacific Corp., which installed and maintains the computerized machines.

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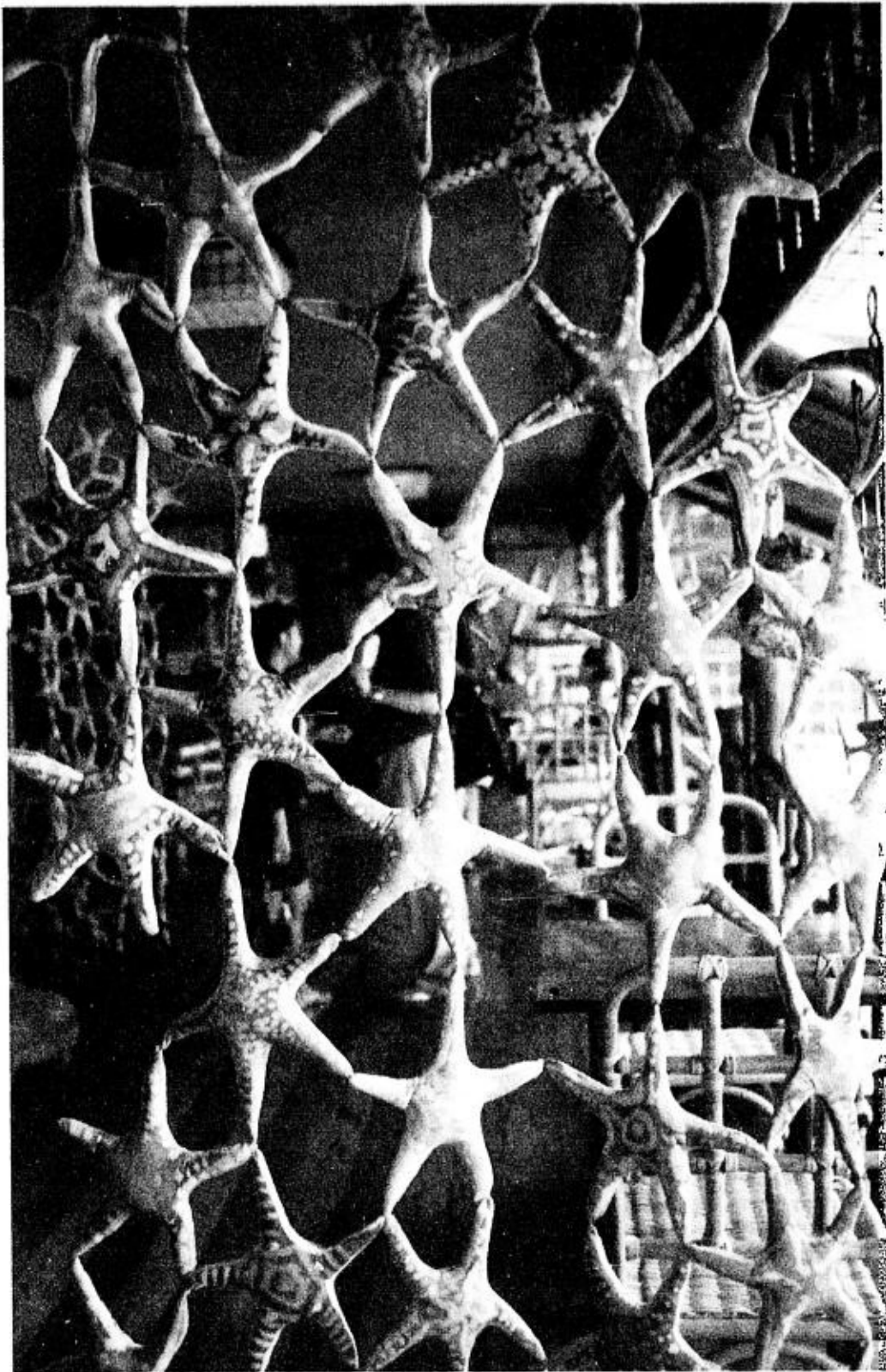
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PASILAN'S installation of starfish

FOR DIOKNO Pasilan, batik is a personal adventure.



Batik as Pinoy art

Diokno Pasilan, who's also a member of The Adobo Band, has been making batik for 15 years, working hard at his craft to insure it doesn't become monotonous

Text by Rowena C. Burgos
Photos by Joan Bondoc

BATIK is an ancient art form that originated in South-east Asia more than a thousand years ago, creating a path of colorful designs in fashion and in decorative art. In the "Age of Aquarius," batik made a splash on the fashion scene with tie-dyed clothing and accessories. The last couple of decades it took a back-seat to the new "hip" forms of expression.

But Diokno Pasilan has remained loyal to batik for 15 years, working hard at his craft to insure it doesn't become monotonous labor.

Batik involves a resist process and requires patience and time. Each piece begins with a sketched scene on fabric. The artist then applies hot wax to the fabric to protect these areas during the immersion of the cloth into a dye vat. After the cloth dries, the artist repeats the procedure with each color.

Pasilan uses as many as 18 colors in some of his works. He works on as many as three or four pieces at one time so as not to lose creative momentum while the pieces of cloth dry.

What is it about batik that has kept Pasilan's interest all these years? The artist cites a multitude of things: brilliance or subtlety of color; working with and manipulating two mediums, wax and dye, to produce layers and textures; the need to plan and occasionally to adapt. Perhaps it also has much to do with the need for infinite patience—batik is certainly a slow process!

"[In] making batik using the traditional method, I love the challenge of bringing all of the facets together, the drawing and planning, the waxing, the dyeing and the over-dyeing. Each is an art in itself," says Pasilan, who's also a member of The Adobo Band.

Personal adventure

Doing batik is a "wonderful personal adventure" for Pasilan. He uses dyes from *kastuy*, *ipil*, *atsuete* and yellow ginger, and *piña* cloth as his canvas. The resulting product is transformed into shawls and barong by Rurungan sa Tubog Foundation Inc.

The melted wax is applied with a brush, a heated bowl with a spout from which the wax flows, or occasionally a stamp. The color is the result of as many as 14 dye baths. "I continue to experiment with the manipulation of the wax and dyes and am finding batik a source of never-ending challenges and pleasure," the artist says.

Due to many variables, like the random cracking of the hardened wax and the color values of the dyes, there is always an element of surprise as the image begins to emerge with each successive dye bath. "My subjects are varied and an exploration of my experiences and I strive to recreate a clear mood for the viewer," Pasilan adds.

Before he delved into batik, the 39-year-old artist focused on landscapes in oil and pastel. A native of Bacolod, he stayed in Baguio and Sagada for several years before going to San Vicente, Palawan, in 1997, on the invitation of his late friend, Robert Villanueva. "The peacefulness and spectacular beauty of the place inspired me to stay," he says.

From 1998 to 2000, he studied fine arts and worked with

the local community in Perth, Australia. "Inspiration for my art comes from my travels and from the wealth of the countryside. Natural history and environmental themes feature strongly in my work, as do allegory, color, design, texture and pattern," Pasilan explains.

Nature and marine life are the subjects of most of his works, but these themes would gradually lose their appeal if he would not pursue other subjects and media. He's now experimenting with rust on *piña*, using a variety of tools and motorbike parts to mark the fabric. He plans to exhibit such works at The Drawing Room in Makati early next year.

Town endeavor

As resident artist of Barangay Kemdeng in San Vicente, Pasilan has and is continuing to share his knowledge and skills with the locals, as he is a firm believer in the practice of art through the community. "It's my mission to extend the concept of the barangay into the territory of art and culture," he says. He conducted a series of workshops on batik-making in Kemdeng, which resulted in the formation of the group Masinlo.

An Agutaynen (an ethnic Palawan group) word meaning "beauty" or "good things," Masinlo also stands for Mamamayan at Sining Itinatag ng Linabungan Organization. It is now involved in the production of batik-inspired art and handicrafts with Pasilan as coordinator.

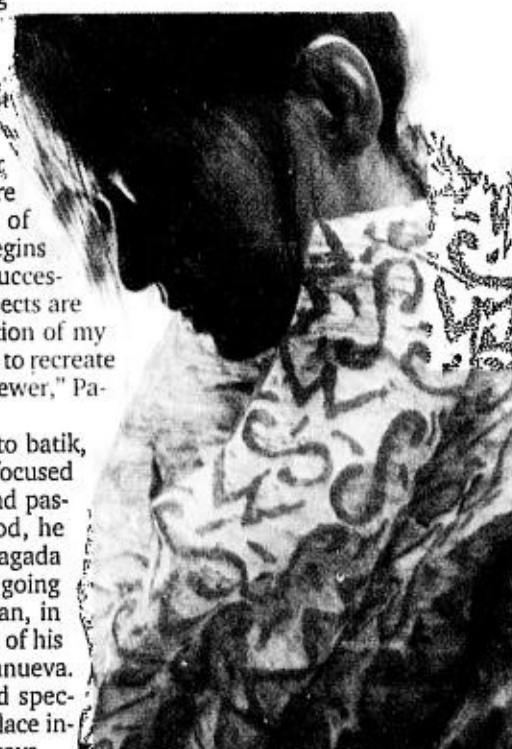
The group has an exhibit, "Bati-kurit," at Casa Linda on Rizal Avenue, Puerto Princesa, until Nov. 5. "It aims to showcase my collaborative work with the Masinlo community," Pasilan says. It features installation art consisting of schools of fish on fabric and wall hangings using natural fibers, cloth, wax and dyes.

At present, Pasilan is building a 6x4 boat of bamboo and batik canvas, with Palawan's map as design, for the Philippine Travel Mart to be held on Nov. 20 at Megamall in Mandaluyong.

Pasilan will continue to do batik but will pursue change, whether that involves the media or the environment, to rejuvenate his soul and revitalize his form of artistic expression.

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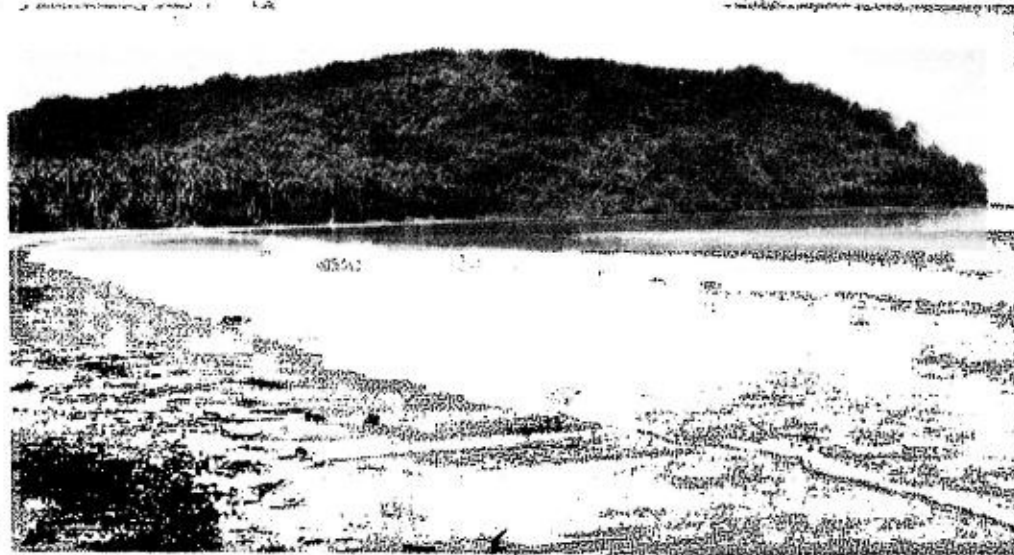
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SUNSET at one of San Vicente's 22 islands



A WHITE sandy beach is one of San Vicente's natural attractions.

Former logging town lives down its past

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enues from fishing and farming. Some 50 percent of the population of 35,000 derive their income from fishing, while 35 percent engage in farming. The remaining 15 percent engage in other businesses.

San Vicente is for the adventurous. As tourism is relatively new, with some islands and barangays not figuring in travelers' itineraries, comfort levels can vary widely. So visitors should not expect Western-standard amenities. In less developed areas, modern plumbing has yet to be introduced.

But the somewhat scruffy little villages boast not only of friendly inhabitants but are often exploding with orchids and wild ferns. Monkeys, birds, squirrels and other wildlife are usually scampering about.

"San Vicente boasts of a wide array of natural attractions like white sandy beaches, diverse marine life, flora and fauna, waterfalls, protected forests and mangrove parks," says San Vicente Mayor Antonio V. Gonzales.

To promote tourism in the municipality, the mayor organized the Municipal Tourism Council, which is composed of the Boatmen Association, Port Barton Marine Park Management Council, Resort Owners Association, Pension House Owners Association, barangay councils, storeowners and Jeepney Operators and Owners Associations.

According to Gonzales, San Vicente's tourism business was brisk when the Pagdanan Timber Co. was still operating in Port Barton. The company built and maintained roads to and from San Vicente. Passenger vehicles made two regular trips a day to and from Puerto Princesa. When the company closed down, businesses slumped.

"The international and domestic terrorism, like the Abu Sayyaf kidnapping incident in Dos Palmas and the Sept. 11 bombings in New York, has greatly affected Palawan's tourism industry. So we're thinking of more effective marketing strategies to promote the municipality," the mayor said.

The town is building a 1,200-m airstrip for the 50-seater plane of Seair, a private airline servicing many parts of Palawan, particularly in the north. Communication facilities and road networks are being planned to attract more tourists.

Like rough diamonds, San Vicente's treasures need polishing before the islands can become major tourist draws.

Former eco-hell

Palawan used to be a microcosm of the Philippines, as it coped with economic and environmental grief. Illegal logging, fishing and squatting were rampant. Sea cows were being killed for their oil and meat, forests were being chain sawed into oblivion, and the fish were vanishing from the coastal waters. Migrant settlements were sprouting all over Palawan.

But the province's descent to eco-hell has been halted. Tourism may not be the complete answer to Palawan's problems, but it has an upside: It was partly to attract tourists that Palawan's politicians became environmentally-minded. Their efforts have resulted in various well-deserved awards from the United Nations.

When the logging ban was declared in 1992, three major timber concessions in Palawan were given a year to wrap up their business. This was how San Vicente lost the Pagdanan Timber Co., the largest in the province. The silted-up estuaries remain to remind people of the town's past but the essential habitat has been preserved.

The mayor has also organized the Bantay Dagat, a group of volunteers who monitor illegal fishing in the municipality's 22 islands.

On the brink of devastation, San Vicente has managed to step back and save itself. Today, much of the municipality is still largely unexplored and unexploited. Mayor Gonzales and his constituents pray that it

will remain so.

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French legacy gives Puerto's Vietnamese a bestseller

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Text by Vangie Baga-Reyes
Photos by Joan Bondoc

FOR this writer, nothing can beat the fresh, crisp and delicate crust of French bread carefully prepared by the Vietnamese in Puerto Princesa. The French bread became an instant favorite among the Palaweños shortly after the Vietnamese moved to what is now the Viet Village and started making it.

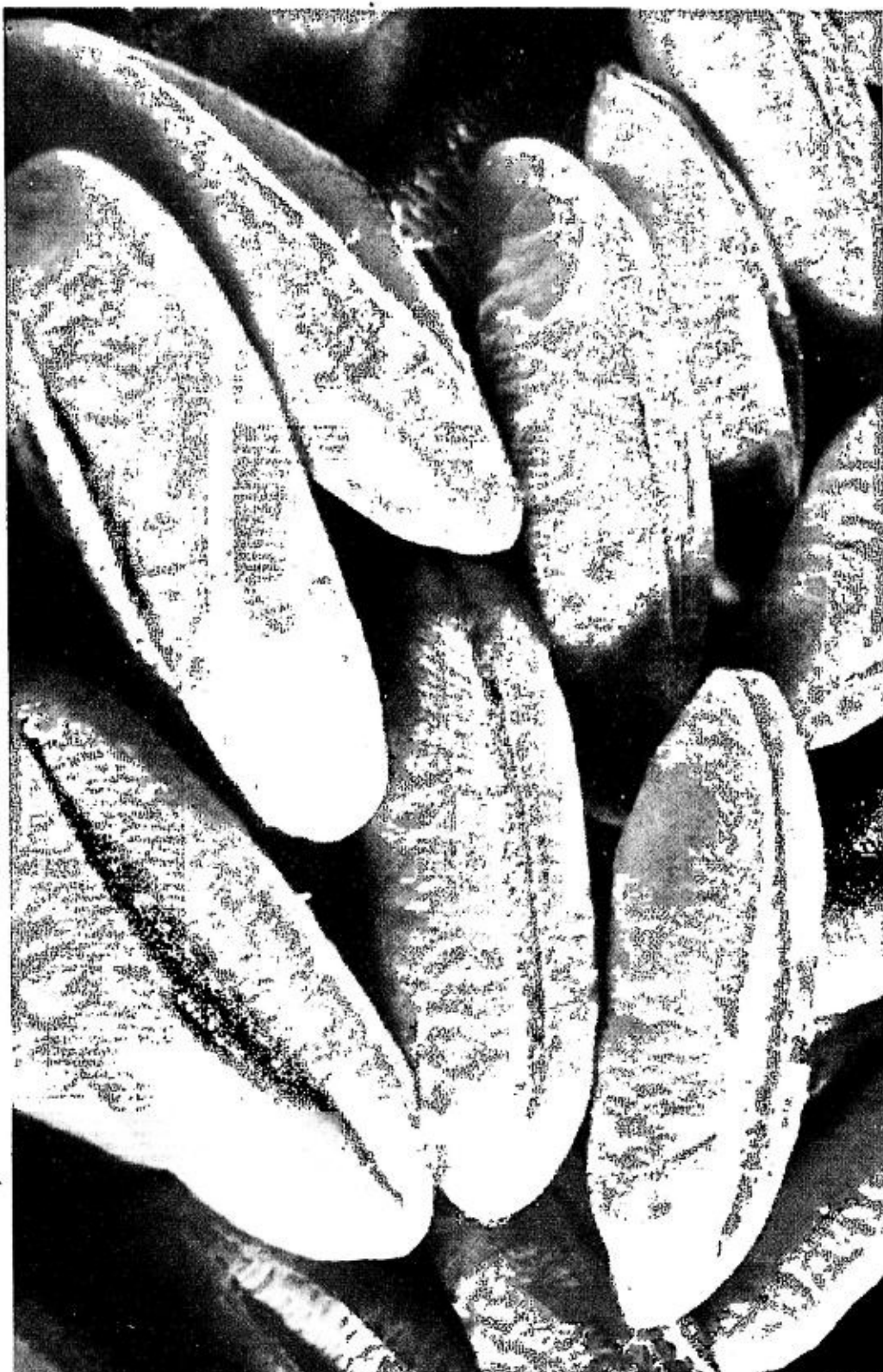
The breads are refreshingly tasty, crunchy and, best of all, cheap! At only P4 each, you can fill your stomach with just a bite or two of the bread, which is about eight-inches long and has a warm, sweet taste and a texture that is light and chewy that few bakers manage to achieve.

Lifestyle visited the bakery inside the Viet Village and were impressed with the skill involved in making the breads. No electric mixer or oven was used to speed up the work. Bare hands (*mano-mano*) were used to mix and knead. The bread was baked in a pugon-like oven over a mound of burning wood.

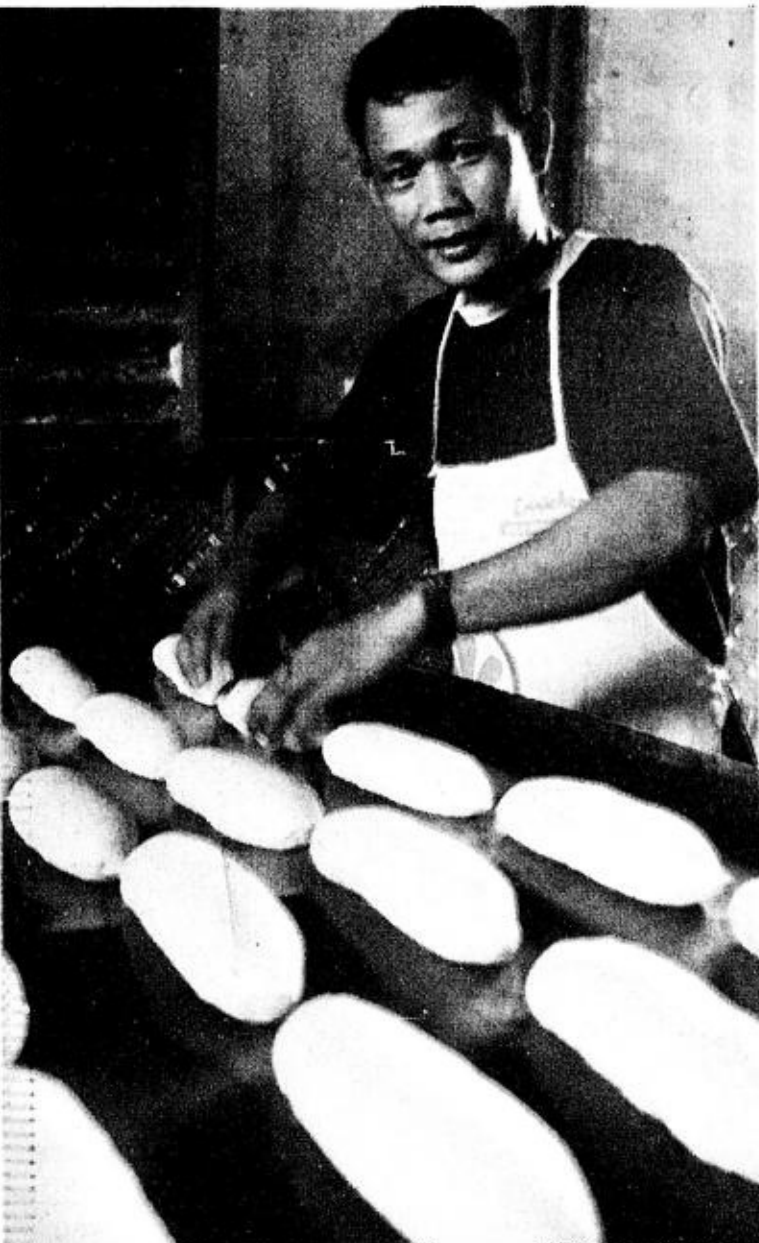
Romy Inaje is in charge of the bakery's daily operation. He sets the time when the dry yeast will be mixed with the flour, and painstakingly kneads the mixture by hand. Inaje makes hundreds of breads a day.

According to Che Nhat Giao, representative of the Viet Village, two-thirds of the French bread that Palaweños enjoy daily is made by two bakeries in the tiny community. One bakery is a private business, the other community-owned. The community bakery also makes French bread for different outlets in Metro Manila, including Saigon's Best on Matalino Street in Diliman, QC.

The bread is used to make the famous *bánh mì*, the Vietnamese gourmet sandwich. *Bánh mì* is the wonderful union of a crunchy French bread and the complexities of Vietnamese cuisine. Picture a chewy French bread with crispy crust sliced down the middle (like a sub sandwich) stuffed with your choice of Vietnamese-style sandwich meat (like barbecued chicken or shredded pork), crunchy cucumbers, sprigs of cilantro, and a sweet and tangy combination of pickled daikon (radish), carrots and onions—and for that extra kick, slivers of fresh spicy jalapeño. A sinfully savory-sea-



FRESH and crunchy French bread carefully prepared by the Vietnamese



ROMY Inaje is in charge of the bakery's daily operation.

soned mayo sauce is used to bring together all the wonderful flavors and textures. Some Vietnamese restaurants use added touches, sprinkling the meat with sweet lime fish sauce or a soy/lime/garlic mixture.

Or, you can simply spread pâté, butter and Chinese ham on your French bread and have a light, midday snack.

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Her court included Winfred Omwakwe of Kenya, Miss Earth-Air; Sladjana Bozovic of Yugoslavia, Miss Earth-Water; and Julianna Patricia Drousseau of Greece, Miss Earth-Fire.

For three weeks, the girls traveled all over the Philippines, planting trees in each destination: Metro Manila, Tagaytay, Palawan, Cebu and Bohol. Aside from their morning and afternoon rituals, the "beauties for a cause" also managed to compete in pre-pageant activities.

Colombian beauty Diana Ibarra won the "best in swimsuit" category during the presentation held at Wack-Wack swimming pool.

Miss Talent was held at the Palawan Sports Stadium under the auspices of Palawan Governor Joel Reyes, and was won by Prada model, Dzejla Glavovic from Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Claudia de Zavallos of Peru was awarded "best in long gown" during glittering ceremonies held at Waterfront Hotel Lahug in Cebu City. Heading the board of judges were Margot Osmena and Dean of Philippine couture, Ben Farralles.

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MISS Earth Dzejla Glavovic with her court, Winfred Omwakwe of Kenya, Sladjana Bozovic of Yugoslavia and Julianna Patricia Drousseau of Greece



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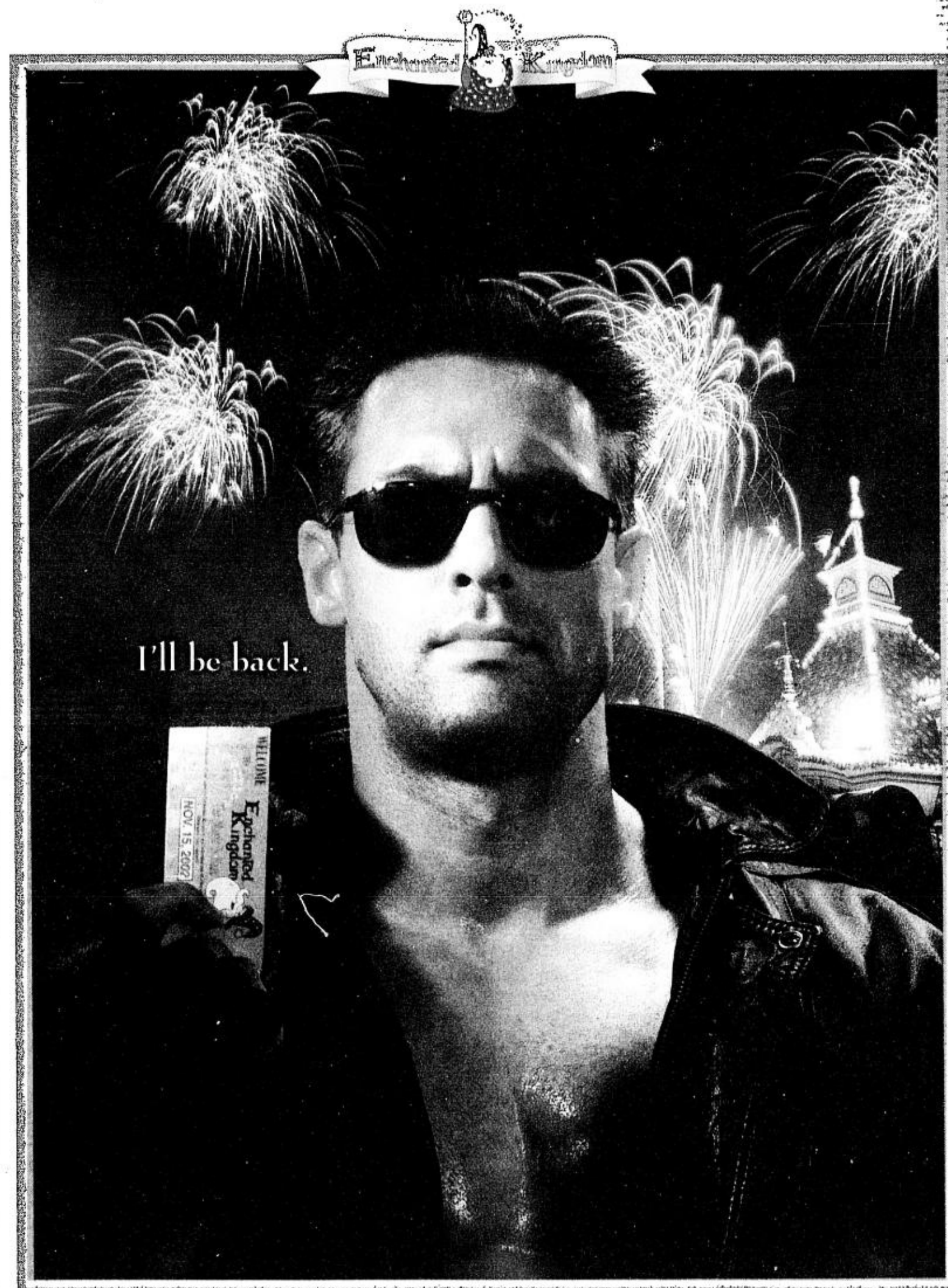
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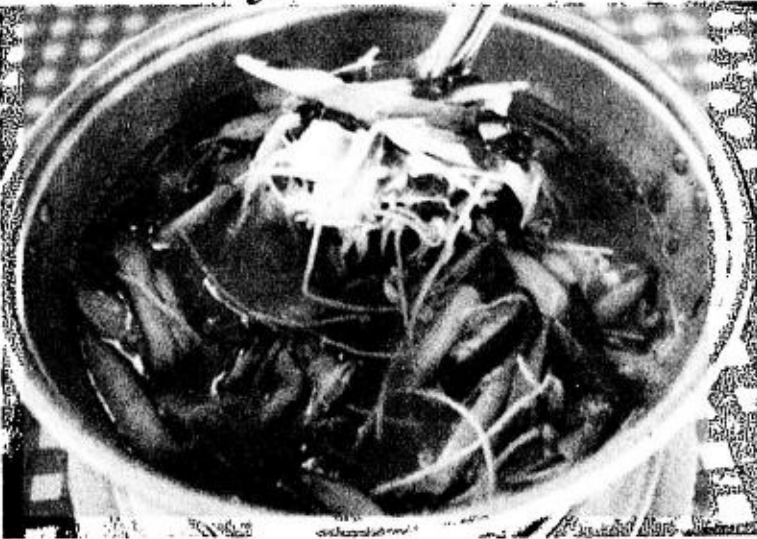


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Authentic Vietnamese food becomes another Puerto attraction

Text by Vangie Baga-Reyes
Photos by Joan Bondoc

VERY FEW places, if any, can match the authenticity of Vietnamese food in a small corner of Puerto Princesa, Palawan, first stop for many of the original "boat people," fleeing uncertainty in a country that has just ended a protracted war. Vietnamese boats not only brought families but, as to be expected, their culture and cuisine.

Vietnamese food is for the health- and diet-conscious eater. Most dishes are generally light, using little fat, even in stir-fried foods. The Vietnamese like their foods as fat-free as possible. They also use vegetable oil instead of lard for frying. Observing a tradition of concern for good health, the Vietnamese use only the freshest and all-natural ingredients.

Unlike most Filipino diets, Vietnamese use meats less often than fish and other seafood. On the few occasions they use meat, the Vietnamese prefer beef because pork is too fatty for their taste.

"Vietnamese food is very healthy and light," points out Che Nhat Giao, the representative of the Viet Village and chair of the ecological and cultural development center in Palawan. "We favor vegetables and herbs in our daily meal, that's why we seldom have heart problems, because we believe in the medicinal effect of our food."

Everyday dishes, from soups to stir-fried vegetables, are carefully prepared, with a tapestry of flavors and textures that entice rather than overwhelm. The intensely flavored ingredients such as fish sauce (*nouc mam*) or red pepper flakes serve as highlights rather than focal points.

The food is not the same as Chinese or Thai, though the Vietnamese share cooking methods with those two. Some classic Thai ingredients, such as lemon grass, coconut milk, fresh basil, rice noodles and fish sauce, are also mainstays of Vietnamese cooking.

"Our secret is in the herbs," adds Che. "No Vietnamese meal is complete without the presence of, at least, two or three fresh herbs, either as garnish or part of the meal."

The aromatic herbs (fresh mint, basil,



CHE Nhat Giao

cilantro) are well known among health-conscious people, not only for their nutritional benefits, but also their fragrance and flavor. Vietnamese food is light, with fresh, clean flavors.

Vietnamese curries are less spicy than their Indian or Thai counterparts. They get their taste mainly from coriander. Chili is used in very small quantities.

All around Puerto Princesa, you can also find small Vietnamese eateries offering authentic noodle soups, such as beef noodles (*phở bò*), chicken noodles (*phở gà*) and pork noodles (*phở heo*).

You can add herbs and vegetables to the noodle, like crisp bean sprouts with long tails, fresh mint, basil, and flavor it with your sauce of choice (Hoisin, chili). For additional flavor, lemon or calamansi may be squeezed.

Viet Ville Restaurant

A good way to sample authentic Vietnamese dishes is in the relaxed atmosphere of Viet Ville Restaurant in the Vietnamese Village, Sta. Lourdes, Puerto Princesa, a 20-minute drive from the airport.

Opened three years ago, Viet Ville's authentic menu may seem exotic to the uninitiated. But the friendly service staff will help you through every step of your meal. Besides, an English translation is written beside the Vietnamese name of each dish.

Recommended house specialties are Vietnamese Fish Sinigang (Canh Chua Cá), Seafood Salad (Goi Bien), Fish in Caramel Sauce (Ca Kho Tô), Spicy Chicken with Lemongrass (Gà Xào Sả Ôt) and Spicy Squid (Muc Kho Tieu).

Refreshments include tea (jasmine or Vietnamese iced tea), fresh fruit juices, soybean milk, coffee.

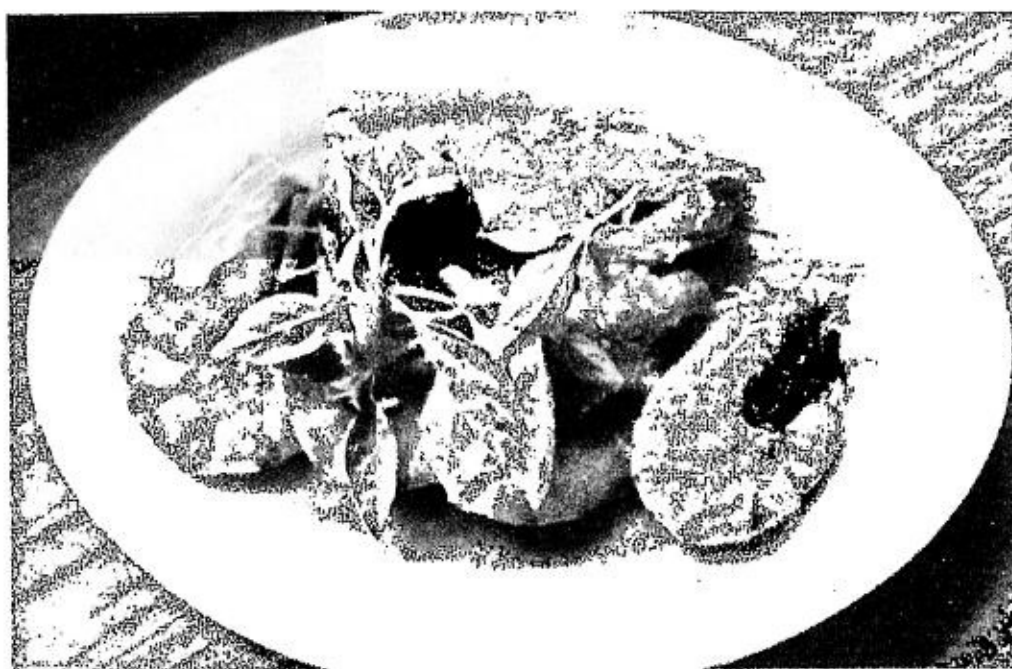
Sorry, no sodas allowed in this place—for health reasons, you know.

The Vietnamese Village

The Viet Village in Puerto Princesa has more than 200 Vietnamese nationals. It was built after a Memorandum of Understanding was signed in 1996 allowing the Vietnamese to stay in the country.

Viet Ville, according to Che, has developed itself into a self-managed community with several self-sustaining livelihood projects, including the Viet Ville Restaurant, a French-bread bakery, noodles manufac-

Light dishes that use less oil and more herbs—a tapestry of flavors and textures that entice rather than overwhelm



SPICY shrimp



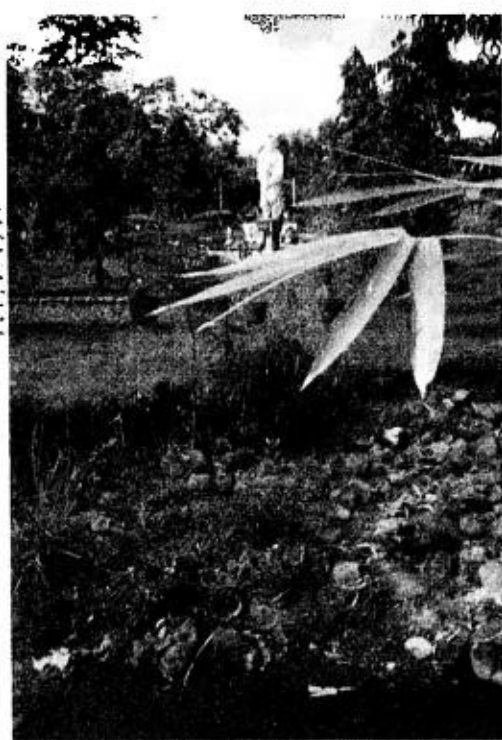
VIET Village is one of the tourist attractions of the province.

turing and fish-sauce making—giving employment to Vietnamese and Filipinos alike. All the livelihood projects are run as cooperatives with Vietnamese and Filipino shareholders working hand in hand.

The Vietnamese in Palawan are now economically self-reliant and socially integrated with the local people. Children, many of them born in the province, look to the Philippines as their home country, and Filipino kids as their brothers and sisters.

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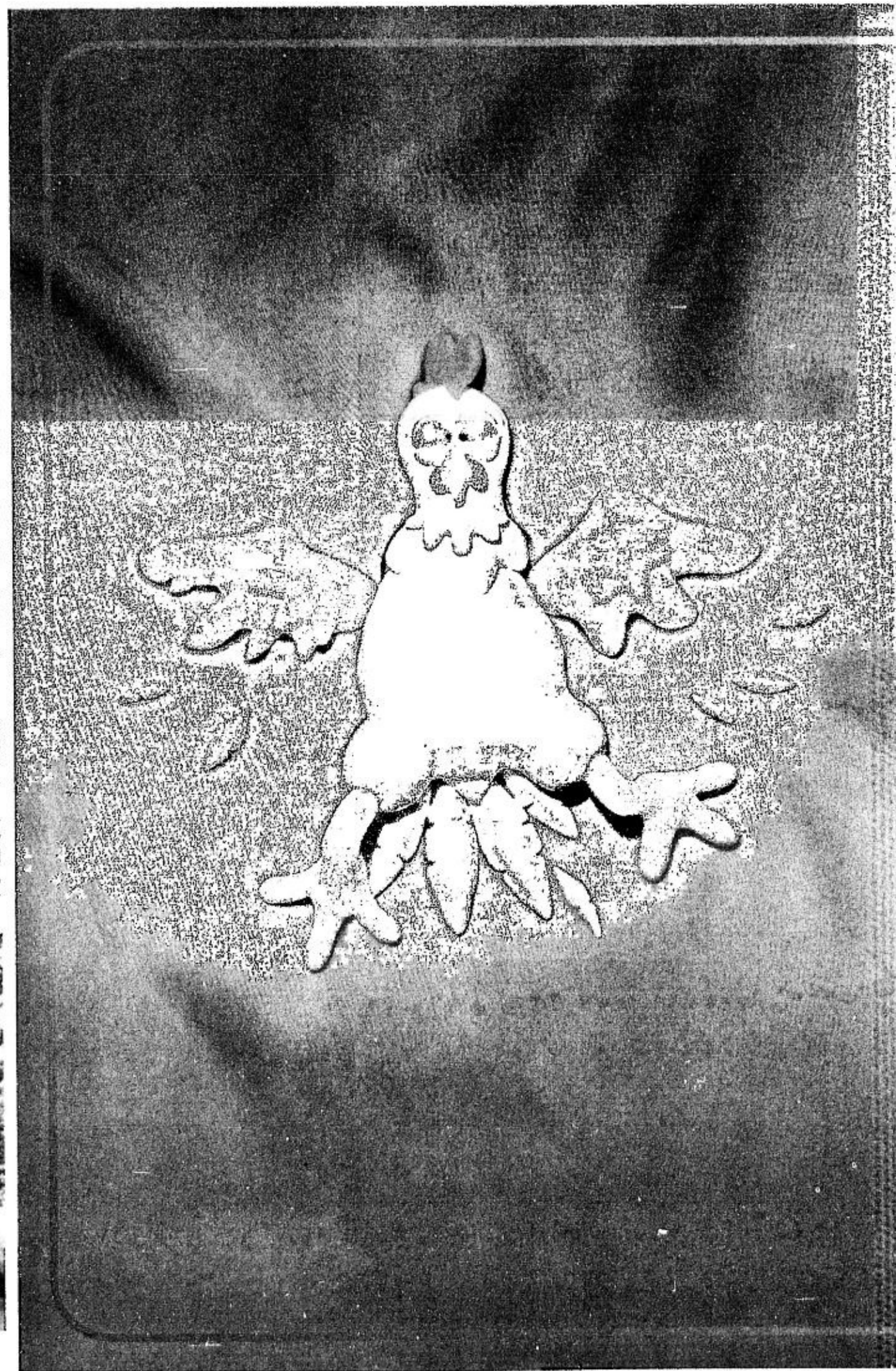
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THE 10-HECTARE Viet Village was inaugurated in 1997.



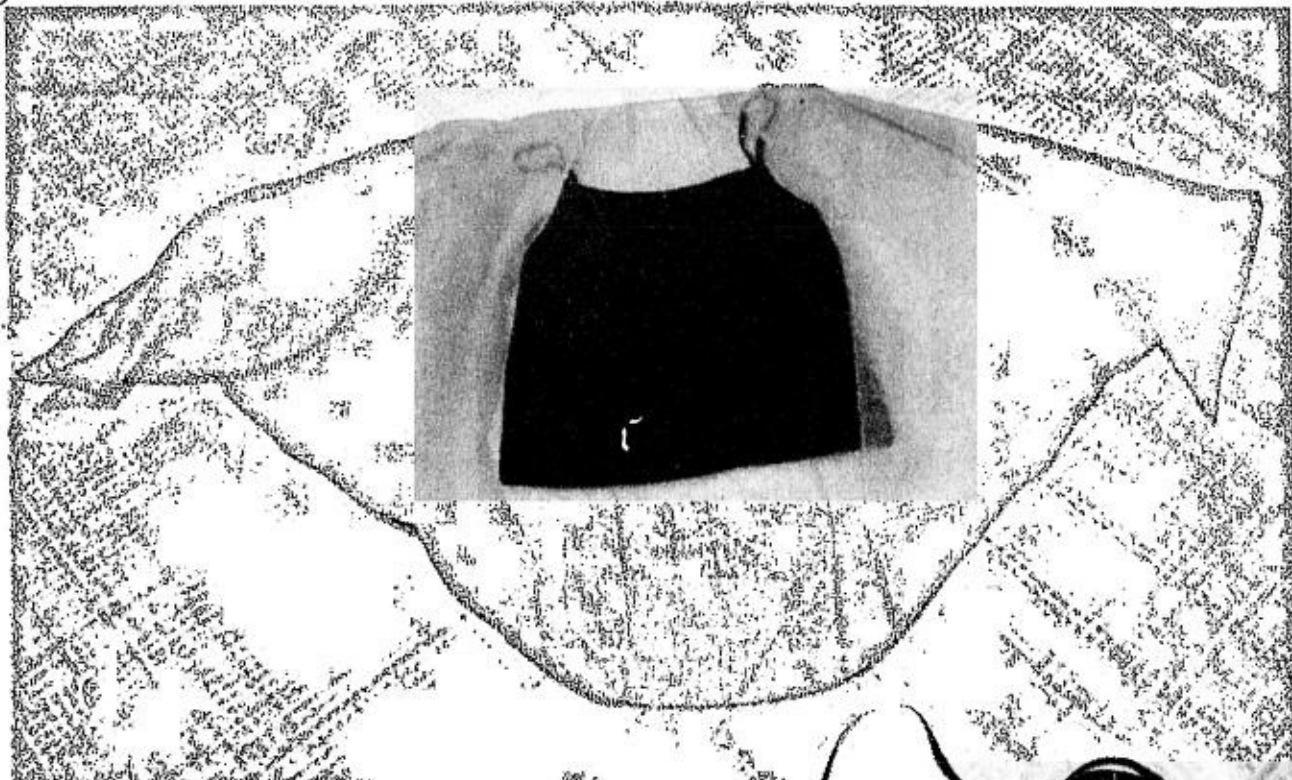
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BEAUTY TAKES FLIGHT. Butterfly wrap made of piña silk, laid out on native banig

PIÑA BELLE. Twenty-three-year-old Ramble Lim is wrapped in exquisite piña shawls. Behind her are Rurungan's woven mats.



Weaving a dream



EYECANDIES. Chic handbags made by women from Palawan's Espanola town

Text by Cheche V. Moral
Photos by Joan Bondoc

WE don't aim to put [existing piña weavers] out of business... we want to complement them and give the industry a new life," says Ramble Lim, assistant manager of the Rurungan sa Tubod Foundation in Puerto Princesa, Palawan.

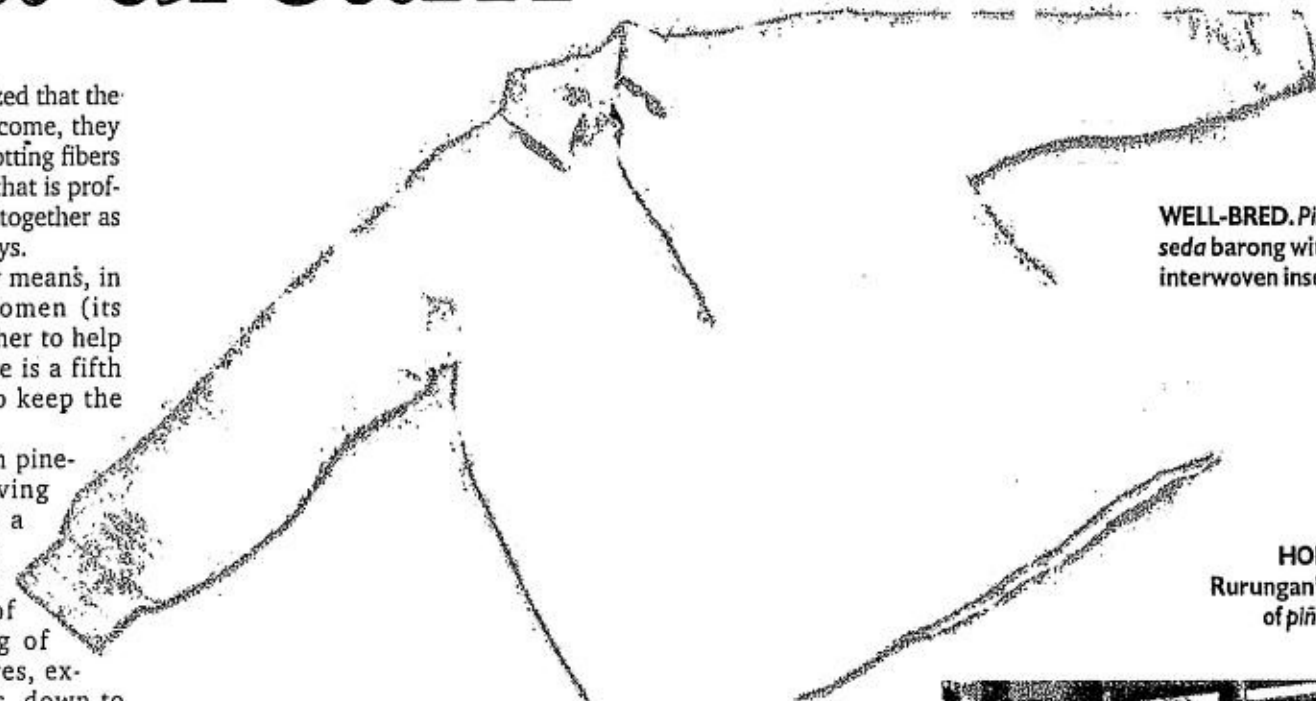
Originally set up two years ago to provide alternative livelihood to Palawenos, particularly its womenfolk, it is now making a name for its range of piña products. In Manila, they count fashion designers Rajo Laurel and Renee Salud as clients. They also export overseas.

"It was initially a challenge to make the locals adapt to the art form of piña-weaving," recalls Lim.

However, once the women realized that the craft could help augment their income, they began to take the task to heart. Knotting fibers has become, for them, an activity that is profitable as it is leisurely. "They do it together as a family in their idle time," she says.

"Rurungan sa Tubod" literally means, in Palaweno, a group of four women (its founders) who have come together to help boost the family income. "There is a fifth male member whose role is 'to keep the peace,'" Lim explains.

Seeing that there was enough pineapple plants to sustain a weaving industry, Rurungan formed a partnership with the province's local communities and trained locals on the fundamentals of the craft—from the planting of pineapples, harvesting of leaves, extracting and knotting of fibers, down to



WELL-BRED. Piña seda barong with interwoven inserts

HOMEBOUND. Rurungan's collection of piña placemats

the actual weaving.

They were also taught how to take care of the environment, which is crucial in the processing of the fibers. (As chlorinated water can affect the fibers, the leaves are processed in the rivers.)

"This art form is innately Filipino," says Lim, "and it complements the lifestyle of the hardworking Palawenos."

Different from Aklan

Rurungan considers Aklan's pocket-weaving houses as the industry's pioneers and, consequently, its biggest competitor. Lim says the objective of their small-scale backyard business is to come up with innovations on the traditional techniques and fabrics associated with Aklan.

Thus, where Aklanons use *liniwan*, or the finer fiber, Rurungan uses *bastos*, or the first extraction.

"It is of the same quality but has a different feel to it," she explains. "It has more sheen and it 'stands.'" She says their clients prefer this alternative to the *piña puro* (pure) and *piña seda* (woven with silk) fabrics, which are also incorporated with other indigenous materials.

Rurungan owes the exquisite designs of its piña fabrics to Lim's mother, Czarina, who is also the foundation's executive director.

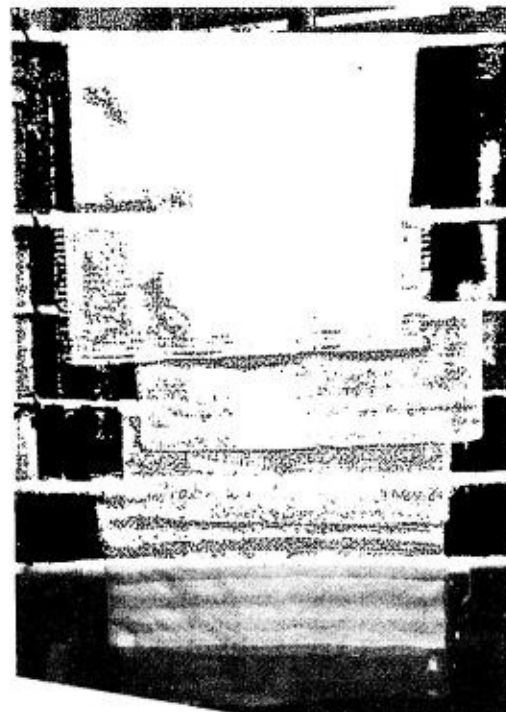
Local visual artist Diokno Pasilan has also been tapped to make use of Rurungan's fabrics as canvas to his works.

Rurungan is affiliated with Nature's Finest Products Inc., which supplies it with dainty woven baskets, mats, bags that are all made in Palawan.

Lim adds they refuse to work with big-time pineapple growers. "This will defeat our purpose of helping the rural folk." They now have 30 community growers spread throughout the province.

"We want the women to be [financially] independent and ultimately encourage them to become entrepreneurial," she says. That way, everyone ends up happy.

Rurungan sa Tubod Foundation Inc. is located at Rurungan Compound, Abanico Road, San Pedro, Puerto Princesa City, Palawan. Call telefax (048) 434-4081 (Palawan).



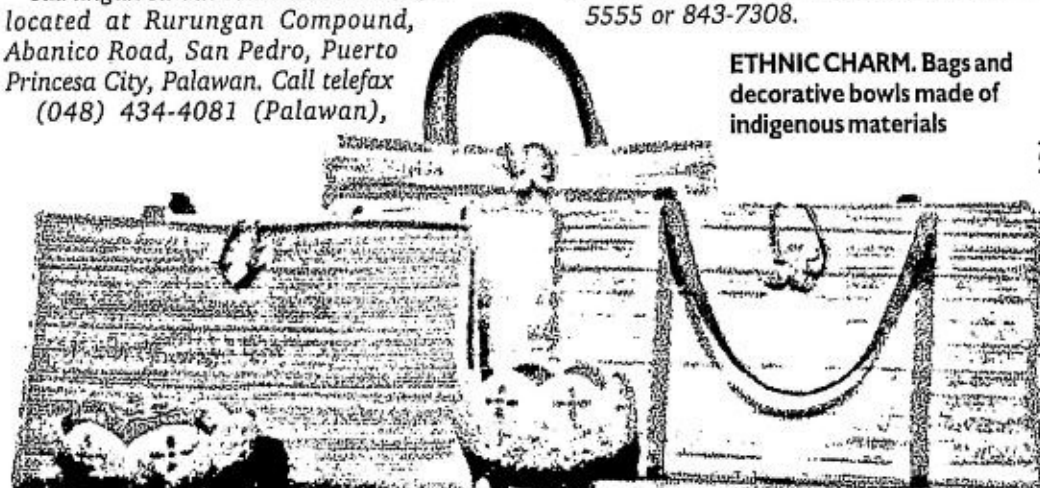
ART ON ART. Diokno Pasilan's batik art on a piña shirt



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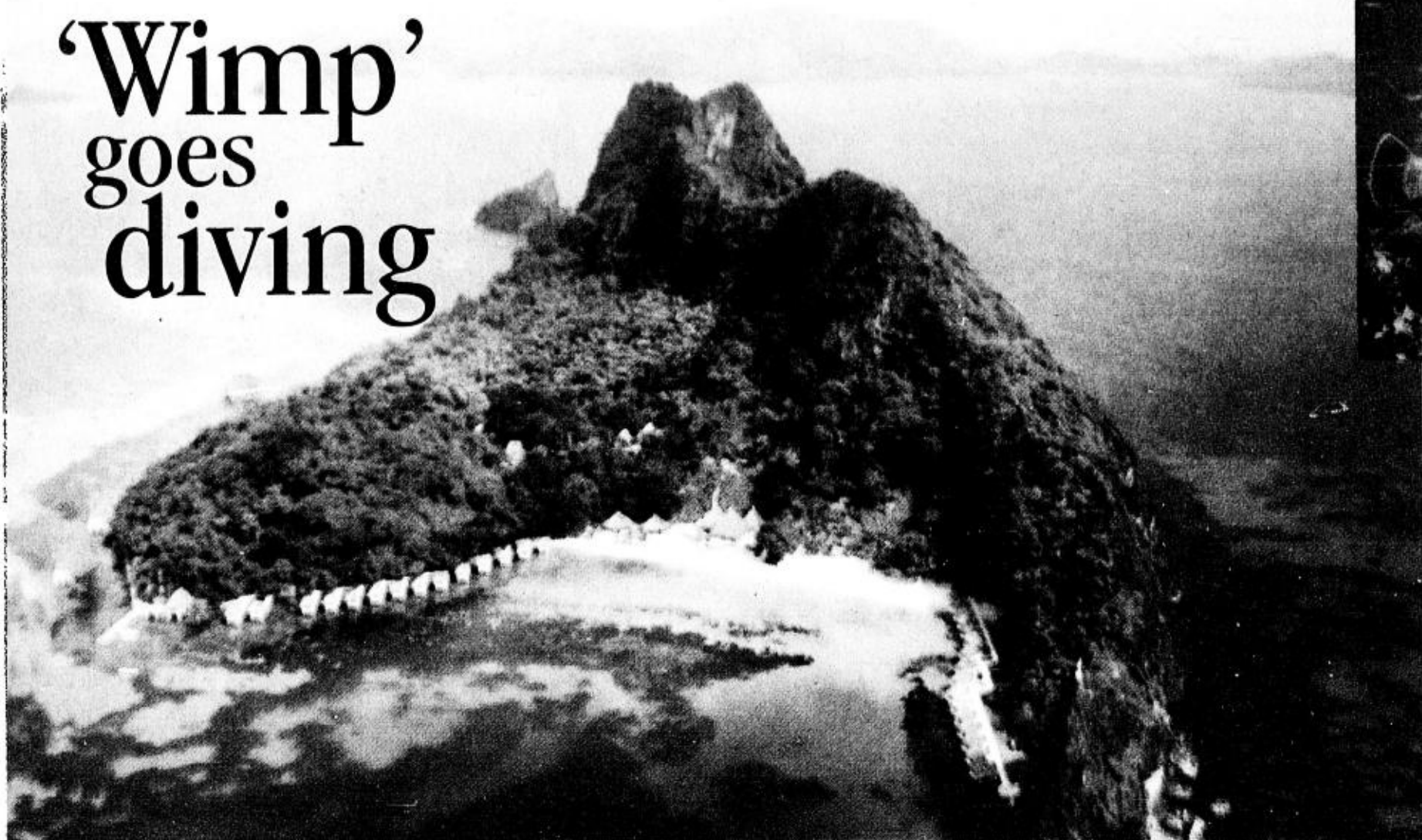
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'Wimp' goes diving



WHAT PARADISE LOOKS LIKE. Aerial shot of Club Noah, taken aboard Seair. Dive site is at the lower left side.

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"I'm a smoker, I said, will that be a problem?" "Not at all," he reassured. "In fact, breathing will come more naturally because you're used to inhaling and puffing."

But I was doubtful.

"If you start to feel any problem, give me a signal," he said. At this point, I had to ask him again to demonstrate the hand signals. I was afraid I wouldn't remember any of them (and there were only three!).

"Don't panic and rush to resurface." Because it will give me a real bad headache? I asked stupidly. "No... your lungs could burst."

That was it. "You could die!" screamed the wimp inside. "Back out while you still can!"

Kid in candy store

After the orientation, Larry summoned me to Club Noah's pier.

Clad in a wet suit, with goggles and flippers clutched in one hand, I dragged myself behind him. Now I'd die—and in a baggy neoprene at that! But I'll be bloated when they fish my body out of the water so the suit will fit just fine in the end. (Okay, I'm vain, too, so kill me now.)

Half submerged in water, Larry wrapped a belt with metals around my waist. I wanted to scamper back to dry land but the belt weighed me down. Then he put on my air tank. "We'll practice breathing first," he said when I was fully suited. At first try, I went into a panic and salt water rushed through my nose. It hurt like hell! "Relax," he said patiently. Two more agonizing tries and I was ready.

My heart was thumping like crazy. I let out a nervous laugh. "Don't forget to 'equalize,'" he reminded me. I vaguely recalled his demo



on how to inhale through the mouthpiece and blow through the nose pinched between the thumb and index finger (you know, to get rid of the ear pain experienced in high altitude and, apparently, under the sea).

We began our descent. I felt Larry holding on to my air tank behind so I was reassured. Multicolored schools of fish were now within sight, but I was still very nervous and had to concentrate on my breathing.

He started pointing at sea creatures I had only previously seen on Discovery and National Geographic channels, and I began to get excited. He asked how I was with a hand signal. I gave him an okay sign. I was now at ease and breathing comfortably.

Then Larry tugged at my leg. He wanted me to kneel and see the fish and corals up close. I felt like a kid in a candy store! It was gorgeous!

I stretched out my hand to touch a brown-dotted black fish and immediately retreated when it went for my finger. Whew! I was more amused than frightened.

I've done the snorkeling bit but the experience was nowhere near being down there in the deep. I didn't want it to end. It was just beautiful—fishes of all colors and sizes, huge clams (I didn't even know they had eyes!), multihued soft corals, everything else I didn't have a name for. It was amazing!

I was ecstatic when we resurfaced. I was screaming like a maniac. It felt like only two minutes, but we were down there for 20 minutes. I was left wanting.

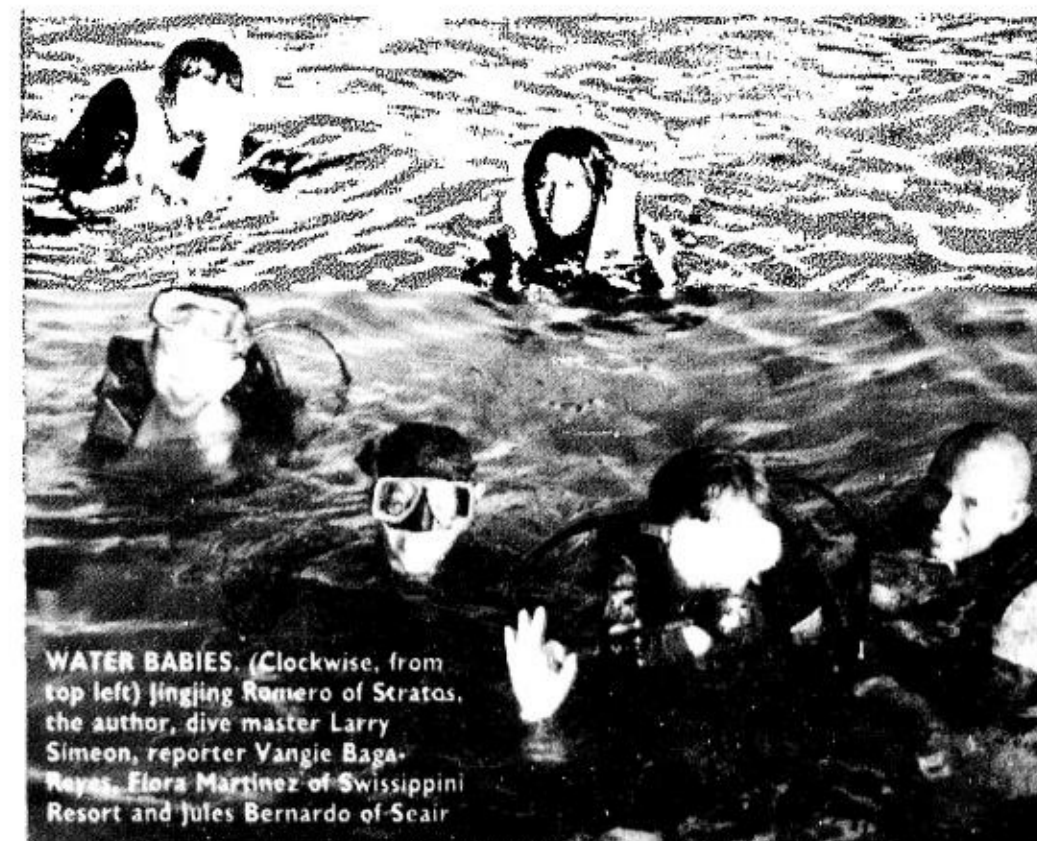
I vow to do everything at least once, yes, but scuba diving I wouldn't mind doing over and over. On my second intro dive, I hope to go deeper than four meters. You can bet, this wimp will. (Who knows, I may even go on to get my license. Yeah, right!)

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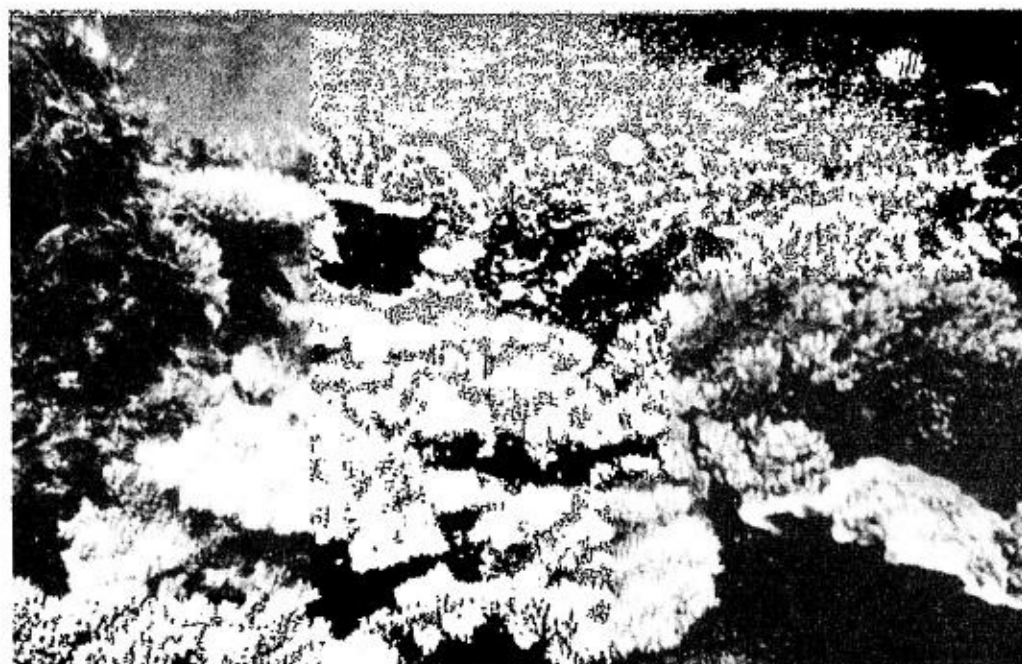
MEAN-LOOKING jaw fish whose special "skill" is to "ambush" other fish.



WATER BABIES. (Clockwise, from top left) Jingjing Romero of Stratos, the author, dive master Larry Simeon, reporter Vangie Baga-Reyes, Flora Martinez of Swissipini Resort and Jules Bernardo of Seair



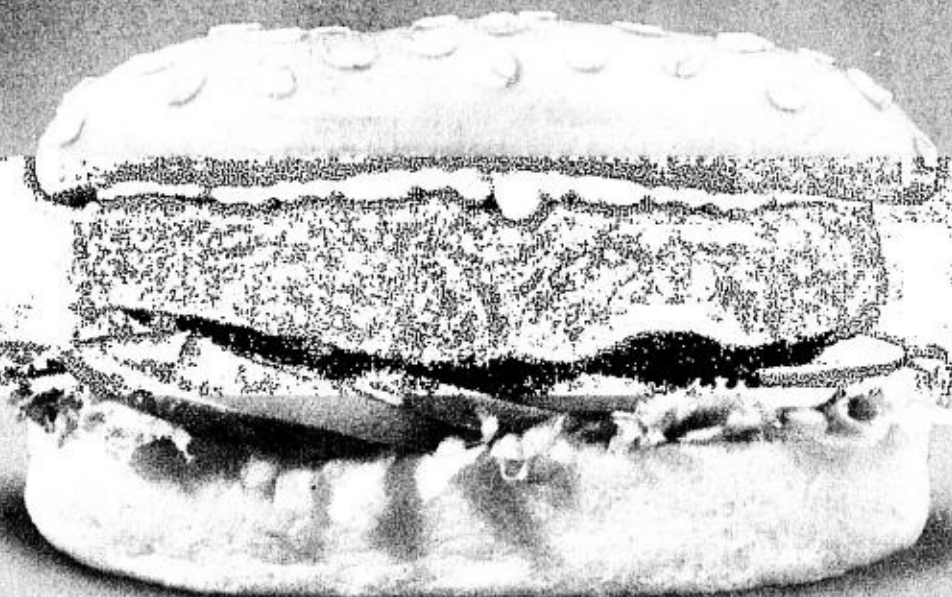
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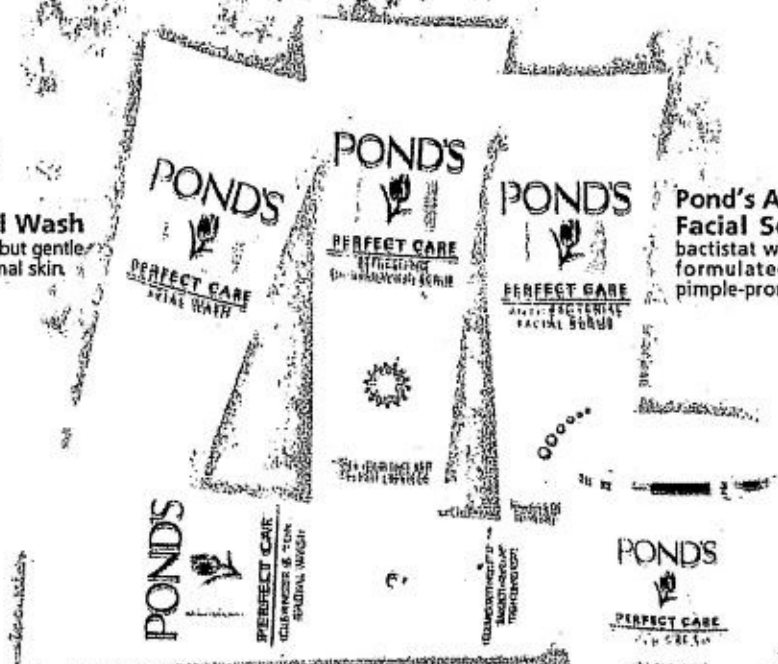
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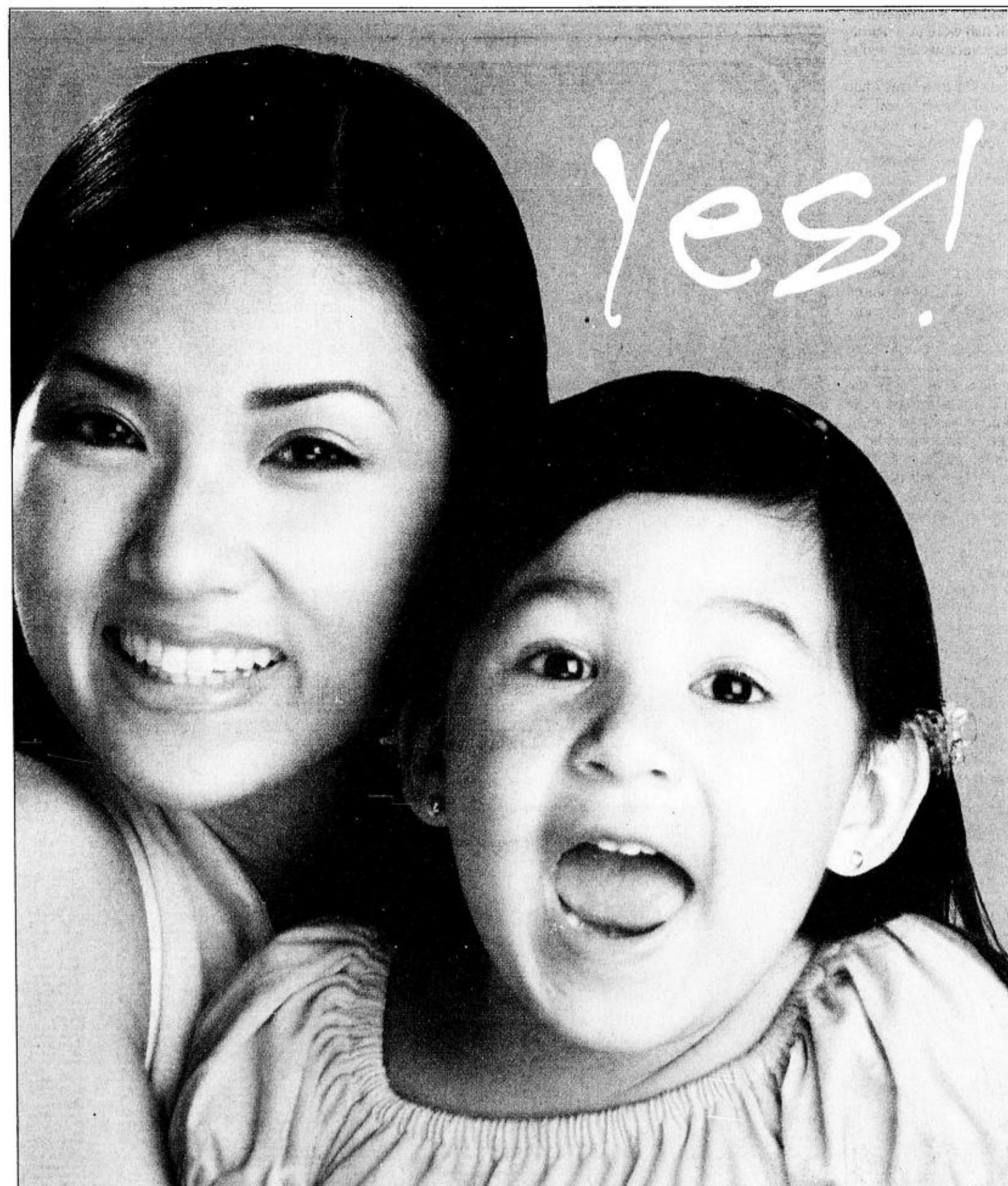
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November 12 (Tuesday) 9:00-12:30 p.m.
P1,500 SPECIAL COURSE ON COOKIES by: Henry Sison, "Chocolate Chip Cookies, Jam Thumbprint, Peanut Butter Cookies, Lemon Bars, Chocolate Cups, Oatmeal and Chocolate Crinkles"

November 12 (Tuesday) 1:30-5:30 p.m.
P1,500 JAPANESE COOKING I All Time Favorite Japanese Recipes by: Chef Kondo Koichi, licensed cook from Ehime, Japan and food consultant to various Japanese restaurants * Miso Soup, Tempura, Nimono, Yakimono, California Maki, Chilled Soba, Noodles with Nori, Skewered Dumplings with Brown Sauce

November 13 (Wednesday) 9:30-4:00 p.m.
P1,500 ELEGANT DESSERTS FOR CHRISTMAS by: Jill Sandique * English Trifle, Trameau, Coeur a la Creme, Panna Cotta, Proliteroles and Mount Vesuvius

November 18 (Monday) 9:00-5:00 p.m.
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November 19 (Tuesday) 1:00-5:00 p.m.
P1,500 SUSHI CLASS by: Chef Kondo Koichi * Temaki-Zushi (Do-It-Yourself Sushi Rolls), Bata-Zushi (Scattered Sushi), Inari-Zushi (Sushi Pockets), Futo-Maki Zushi (Thick-Rolled Sushi), Teka-Maki (Hand-rolled Tuna Sushi), Kappa-Maki (Sea Cucumber Sushi)

November 20 (Wednesday) 9:30-4:00 p.m.
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'Wimp' goes diving

By Cheche V. Moral

I'M a wimp, so shoot me. I'm terrified of snakes (and I mean even pictures of it or any other form), roller coasters and heights. And much as I love the beach to death (pun intended), I have this insane feeling that, one day, the deep blue would swallow me whole (and I'm not even thinking "Jaws.")

Unlike others of "my kind" though, I never back out from a challenge. I vow to try everything at least once. If it kills me. So perhaps, there's a little daring slinking within me? Maybe. Death wish? More like it.

Anxious as I am, I have come to accept flying as a fact of modern life. Each time I board a plane, I look relaxed but I quietly regard it as my last—last moment alive, that is (airlines' impeccable safety records notwithstanding).

So imagine my alarm last weekend when I was face-to-face with Seair's 19-seater plane that was to fly us to Palawan (if it didn't plummet from the sky first!). It looked far smaller than the buses plying Edsa!

But I digress. The story isn't about my aversion to flying. So let's just say my fears of cruising the skies in a tiny aircraft were completely unfounded. I'll fly Seair again any day, thank you.

Learning the signals

The real deal was the challenge to dive deep into the ocean.

"Conquer your fear," teased Club Noah's vice president Ricky Tamparong when I voiced my hesitation to push through with my first intro dive.

"It will be a cinch," said dive master Larry Simeon. "Just make sure to follow all my instructions."

Still I couldn't shake off the panic welling inside me. I couldn't focus on what he was saying. I had to ask him to repeat everything.

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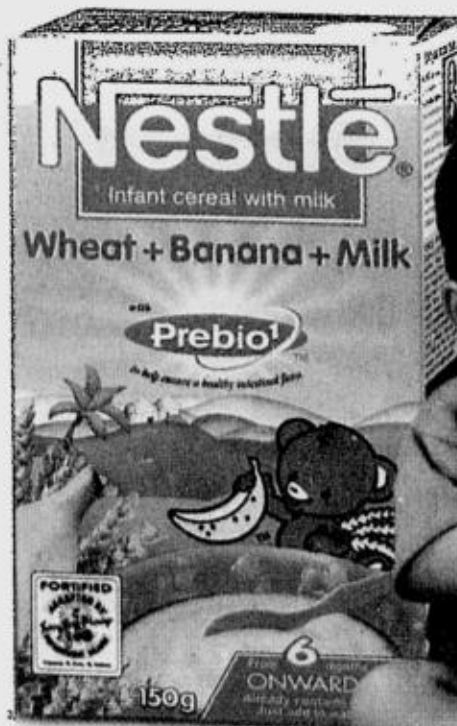
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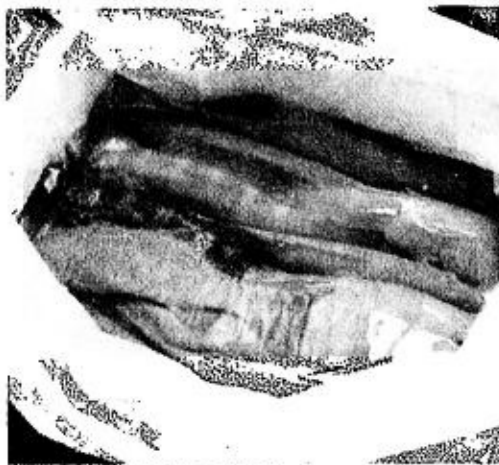
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"FISHY BUSINESS." Live lapu-lapu are prepared for shipment to Metro Manila and Hong Kong.

How Palaweños safeguard their future

By Cheche V. Moral

IT is theirs to protect and rightfully benefit from. But the residents of San Vicente, Palawan, almost lost their rich marine life to intruders who were only out to make big bucks, and were entirely oblivious to the damage they created in the process.

But thanks to the vigilance of the Bantay Dagat Task Force volunteers who police the waters, and the keen minds of the San Vicente folk, the rich resource is now safe and theirs to use.

Deep-sea lapu-lapu fishing has now become one of the fastest-growing industries in the tiny municipality, which has become a major supplier of Metro Manila's big restos and hotels of the live fish (grouper, or *sunô* to Palaweños). Most of the fish caught goes to Hong Kong. San Vicente exports about a ton of fresh lapu-lapu each month.

San Vicente was able to reclaim its resources after Bantay Dagat arrested several commercial fishing boats, coming from neighboring towns to as far away as Malabon and Navotas, using illegal methods (cyanide, dynamite). Provincial officials vowed to ban completely commercial fishing and live-fish export in Palawan, saying it was the only way to protect the seas from depletion and further degradation.

About to lose their own livelihood with this drastic measure, the locals devised an ingenious deep-sea fishing technique, using neither cyanide nor dynamite, that proved to be both safe to end-consumers and the coral reefs of the area.

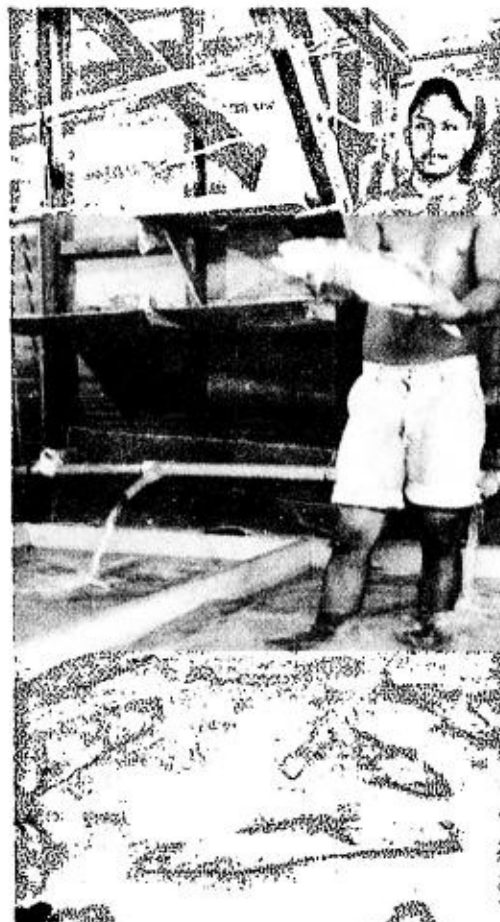
Provincial government officials were initially doubtful about the *mano-mano* method of catching fish, according to San Vicente Mayor Antonio Gonzales. They didn't believe it was practicable for bulk fishing.

"We showed them our coral reefs to prove that the fish were healthy and unharmed," he says.

The *mano-mano* technique involves the age-old hook, line and sinker—minus the bait. The fish caught are then decompressed, like scuba divers, in big PVC pipes for about 30 minutes before being brought to the shore.

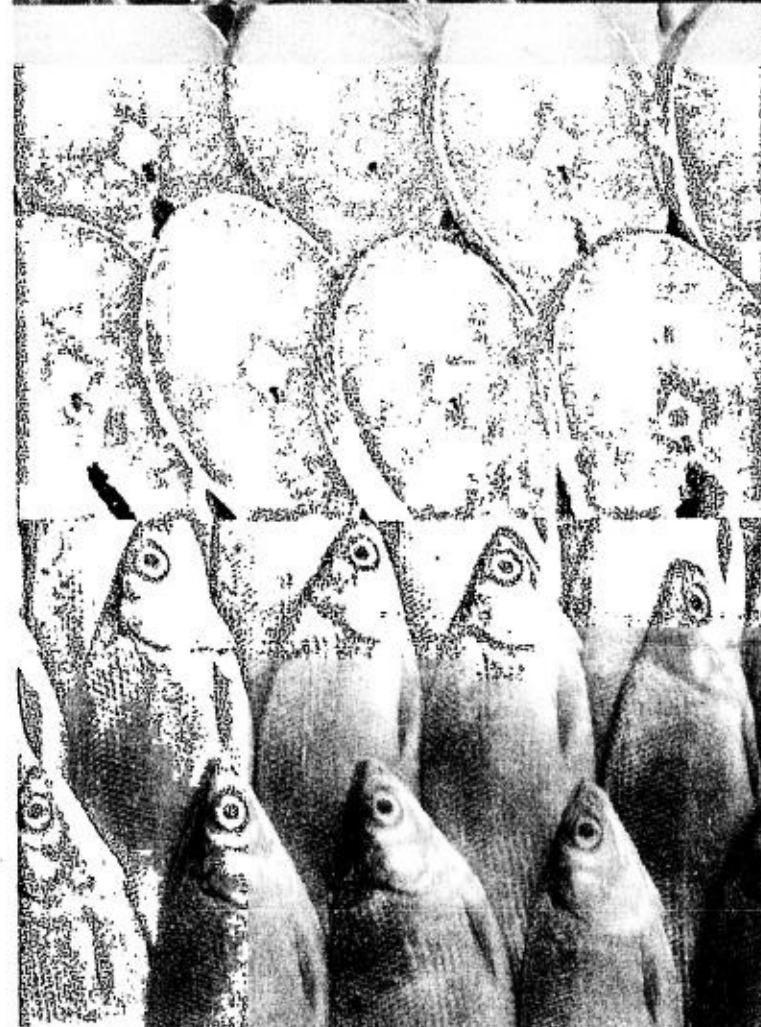
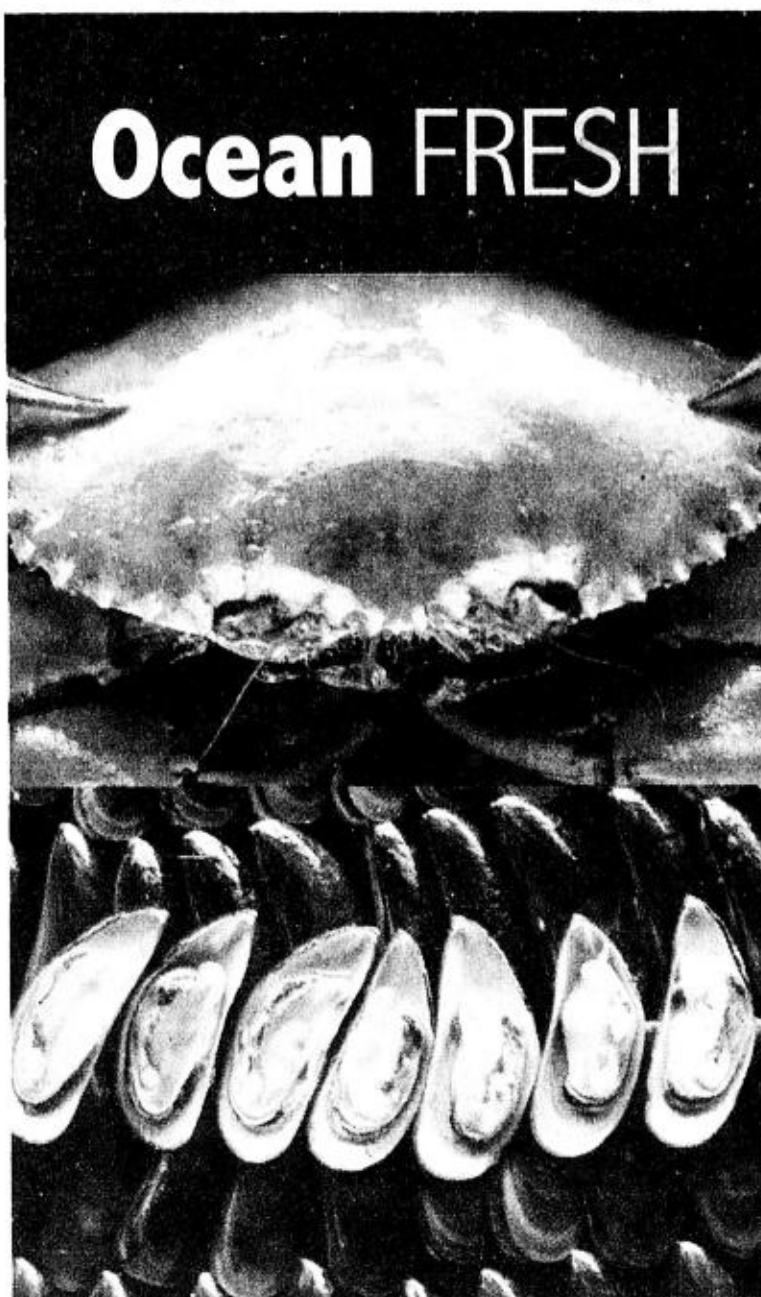
"Here [in the export packaging site], they are 'conditioned' [for life out of the ocean] before they are packed in Styrofoam boxes and readied

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BIG FISH. A local fisherman shows off the day's catch.

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Archdiocese of Tuguegarao prepares for quadricentennial of Our Lady of Piat

ON JULY 2, 2004, the Archdiocese of Tuguegarao in Cagayan Valley will celebrate the 400th anniversary of the coming of Our Lady of the Visitation of Piat to Cagayan in 1604. But as early as now, preparations are being made, including visits of people from 29 towns to the Basilica of Our Lady of Piat.

This was announced by Tuguegarao Archbishop Diosdado Talamayan on his 70th birthday last Oct. 18 at the Angelicum Gymnasium. The archbishop officiated in the Mass with the following priests as co-celebrants: Fr. Bong Cabrera, Msgr. Rudy Beltran and his brother Fr. Franklin Beltran, OP, Msgr. Vicente Catral, Fr. Jess Malit of Sta. Cruz Church and Fr. Freddie Fabian.

Among those present at the event were Vice President Teofisto Guingona, Sen. Franklin Drilon, former Sen. Ernesto Maceda; Cristina Ponce Enrile, who came with Tony Adriano and Chona Espina; Johnny and Carol Rogge, Carmen and Tony Carag, Jose Mari Chan, Jamby Madrigal, Nini Quezon Avanceña, and Miguel and Cristina Bichara. The event was organized by friends and relatives in the archdiocese, with Dr. Carolina Prada as coordinator.

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Devotion to Our Lady of Piat

There are many stories about Our Lady of Piat, but the most popular is about the Virgin who came down from her altar and visited the sick. The Virgin is portrayed as holding a handkerchief in her hand, believed to be used in wiping the face of those who are sick or the tears of those who are in grief.

The image was brought from Macau to the Philippines in 1604 by the Dominican friars. Our Lady was first venerated in Lalle-c, then in the Episcopal seat of Nueva Segovia. Much later, she was moved to Piat, in the eastern region of Cagayan called the Itawes, where the people were unruly and wild. They were placed under the protection of the Virgin.

When Fr. Juan de Sta. Ana sent the image to Tuguegarao in 1622, the people nearly staged a revolt.

So, she was brought back, and a separate chapel facing the Chino River was built because the people wanted the Virgin to protect them from the inundation of the Chino River.

And so it was that no more inundation happened. The miraculous favors wrought by God through the intercession of Our Lady of Piat spread throughout the valley and even to other provinces of Northern Luzon.

A fluvial procession is being planned in July 2004 to mark that time when the Virgin protected the people from floods. Those who wish to have a novena can write me, but please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope with two stamps for easier mailing.

Cause of canonization of Blessed Hannibal

When Charisse Nicole Diaz was an infant, she suffered from acute bacterial meningitis with complications of hydrocephalus and cerebral atrophy. Her parents prayed to Blessed Hannibal di Francia, founder of the Rogationists order and the Daughters of the Divine Zeal.

Charisse was miraculously cured. She is now 9 years old, and she attended, with her parents

and relatives, the Diocesan Tribunal held in Jaro, Iloilo, last Oct. 24. The tribunal decided to present to the Congregation of the Cause of Saints the presumed miraculous cure that would elevate the cause of Blessed Hannibal's canonization.

Archbishop Angel Lagdameo presided over the ceremony with the tribunal members present, namely Msgr. Jose Gamboa, HP, delegate judge; Msgr. Enrique Perez, HP, promoter of justice; Msgr. Higinio Velarde, HP, notary; Fr. Jessie Martirizar, RCJ, notary; and Dr. Joefil Acosta, medical expert.

Also present were Fr. Bruno Rampazzo, RCJ, major superior of the Rogationists in the Philippines, and Fr. Gaspare Gallitto, vice postulator.

Our Lady of Manaoag visitation

The pilgrim image of Our Lady of Manaoag is in town for various visits in Metro Manila and nearby provinces. From Radio Veritas on West Avenue (near Edsa), the image will be brought to Resurrection of the Lord Parish on Basa Street, Barangay Paltok, QC, on Nov. 3, 9:45 a.m. The Mother Butlers' Guild will sponsor the visit until Nov. 10. Masses and vigils will be held every day. The public is invited.

Other schedules include Immaculate Conception Parish in Damar Village, QC, Nov. 10-17, 9:30 a.m.; Sta. Perpetua Parish on D. Tuason Street, Nov. 17-24; La Immaculada Concepcion School in Pasig, Nov. 24-Dec. 1; and Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Retiro, QC, Dec. 1-8.

On Dec. 8, Our Lady of Manaoag will be brought to Our Lady of Peace Shrine on Edsa corner Ortigas Avenue, then to the Archbishop's Palace in Mandaluyong on Dec. 13.

After the 11 a.m. Mass on Dec. 15, she will be brought home to

her shrine in Manaoag. Jovita Sy is the coordinator of all these visits, a commitment of many years as a way of thanking the Virgin for favors granted.

Our Lady of Manaoag in Cebu

The devotion to Our Lady of Manaoag is now reaching out to the remote islands of Cebu, according to coordinator Edna Toral. Enthronements were held in Butiguis Island on June 8, and Lipayran Island and Mambakayaw Island on Oct. 20. Another enthronement will take place in Doong Island this November. All four islands belong to the Bantayan Islands, north of Cebu, which can be reached in two hours by pump boat. Parish priest Fr. Cef Eleccion and Fr. Thomas Thekumtattam led the people in meeting the images in a fluvial procession.

'Linang' exhibit

Catch the "Linang Ethnic Crafts" exhibit at the Philippine Trade Training Center until Oct. 31. Sponsored by the Regional Operations Group of the Department of Trade and Industry and DTI-attached agencies, the exhibit showcases the products of our indigenous peoples such as the Aetas, Badjaos, Bagobos, Ibanags, Igorots, T'bolis, Tirurays and other tribes.

Trade Undersecretary Nelly Favis-Villafuerte said that this is the first time the culture and history of these tribes are showcased under one roof.

Stopping flu

The good news is that Aventis Pasteur, a world leader in vaccines, has launched "Vaxigrip," a flu vaccine that would prevent the spread of influenza, which can immobilize people for a certain period of time.

Influenza, or "flu," is actually a disease more serious than the common cold. Typical symptoms



BLESSED Hannibal di Francia

include high fever, complicated by cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, and headaches.

The Department of Health says that flu is the fourth leading cause of morbidity or illness in the past five years, with a rate of 659 cases for every 100,000 population.

Vaccination against flu can reduce the incidence of flu or at least reduce its severity. The World Health Organization strongly recommends the use of vaccines as a preventive measure against flu.

US flu expert Dr. Frederick Leon Ruben visited the country recently to speak on how to prevent flu and its complications.

Need to get healthy

News of the deaths of people we know confirms once more the need to get healthy by proper diet and following doctor's orders. Since I have been sick with various illnesses in the past years, I know how important it is to take medicines regularly and to eat the proper food.

Goodbye, Nonoy Marcelo

On the day (Oct. 22) Nonoy Marcelo passed away, we gathered at Café Adriatico 1900 in the evening to talk about him. Present were Sylvia Mayuga, Leah Makabenta, Raffy Guerrero, Bonjin Bolinao, Iskhon Lopez, Nini Yarte and Noel Añonuevo. We cried, laughed and talked until midnight, after which some went to the wake. Goodbye, Nonoy. May your soul rest in peace.



ARCHBISHOP Diosdado Talamayan with Pol Capistrano, Johnny Rogge, Cristina Ponce Enrile, Chona Espina, Carol Rogge and Tony Adriano

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Blue Eagles

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When all the drums had ceased beating, all the screaming was over, all the tears were shed, and all the balloons had fallen, one thing was true: the Ateneo de Manila Blue Eagles were 2002 UAAP Seniors Basketball Champions. A title that was 14 years in the making. A championship won after suffering through injuries to key players Magnum Membrere and Paolo Bugia. A banner raised after suffering through a 4-5 win-loss card during the second round of the eliminations. Yes, it's true. It's real. Ateneo is the undisputed king of UAAP basketball.

Now that the euphoria of the championship celebrations and the Katipunan parties have begun to die down, the boys from the Hail Mary Squad have made another move that propels them higher into the stratosphere. They've signed with SMART. SMART Communications, the leader in telecommunications nationwide celebrates the triumph of the Ateneo Blue Eagles in the 65th Season of the UAAP by welcoming the entire team to the SMART Gold family.

The Blue Eagles' story is so compelling that it has gripped the collective consciousness of this basketball-crazy nation of ours. Better than most movie scripts, it tells of a team that was favored in the pre-season, ravaged by injuries, then beaten down, yet faced adversity in the eye and tackled it head-on. In a basketball season filled with drama, buzzer-beaters, overtime games, and tightly fought contests, the Blue Eagles emerged from the smoke victorious, the one true king of the hardwood. From SMART's humble beginnings in the cellular phone business, it has also risen from the bottom of the pile to proudly establish itself as the top mobile service provider in the Philippines. A veritable champion in the cellular phone industry. Thus, this partnership between SMART and the Ateneo Men's Basketball Team is a virtual match made in blue heaven.

Every member of the squad, from 2002 Most Valuable Player Rico Villanueva, 2000-2001 MVP Rich Alvarez, Finals Co-MVPs Wesley Gonzales and Larry Fonacier, playoff hero Gec Chia, Epok Quimpo, L.A. Tenorio, Andrew Cruz, Sonny Tadeo, J.R. Elmido, Joy del Rosario, J.C. Intal, Macky Escalona, Marco Benitez, Dom Banal, to Doug Kramer, have all worked and prayed to get to this unbelievable position as the UAAP Champion. As if all the adulation and attention they've gotten wasn't enough, they've also joined the SMART family to boot. The Ateneo Basketball Team and SMART: when champions meet, the combination always makes for a winning recipe. Simply amazing.

Say olé to Palawan's sardines

Text by Rowena C. Burgos
Photos by Joan Bondoc

WITH SARDINES being made in different parts of the country, Palawan's own may not seem to be such a big deal. But the province has ventured into a path less trodden in sardine-making—Spanish style, which is spicier.

Both packed neatly in bottles, Minda's Spanish Sardines is prepared by Erminda Padilla and her four workers in barangay Poblacion, while Palawan's Best Spanish Style Sardines is made by SVP Manufacturing Enterprise, which is managed by the Alimanguan Cooperative, headed by Ramon Molo. Both barangays are in San Vicente.

Padilla and Molo, who were among four participants from San Vicente in a one-week Lakbay Aral seminar on sardine-making, each received P160,000 from the municipal government of San Vicente to start their venture. They used P100,000 for the purchase of raw materials and equipment, while the P60,000 was spent on the building of a factory.

Minda's Spanish Sardines is now sold in Palawan and Metro Manila, while Molo's group is still waiting for the approval of the Bureau of Food and Drugs Administration to distribute Palawan's Best Spanish Style Sardines in Manila and Cebu.

Both products sell for P45 per bottle. A box of 24 sells at a discounted rate of P40 per bottle. Palawan's Best Tuna Chunks is sold for P58 per bottle, while Minda's Sweet and Spicy Bagoong is priced at P40. Padilla and Molo also sell Tasty Bread in their respective stores.

Product labels were created by the Production Design Center at the CCP Complex.

Process

Making sardines, Padilla says, is a long but easy process, using the best *tunsoy*, *salimburaw* or tuna. The fish is cleaned well and weighed.

"Don't forget to remove the head to [eliminate] the bad taste and smell," Padilla says.

A kilo of *tunsoy* is soaked in water with brine solution for 45 minutes, air-dried for an



TASTY and nutritious Spanish sardines

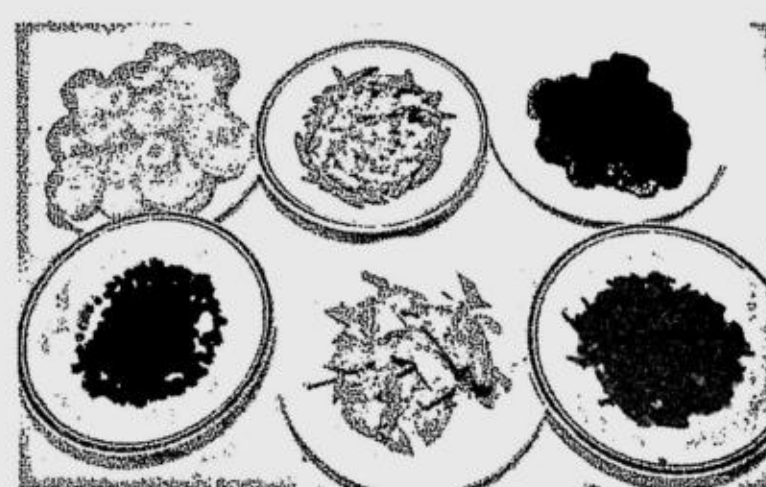


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hour, then deep-fried in corn oil. The fish is drained before bottling.

Padilla says that, depending on the size, about 13 sardines can fit in one bottle. Sliced carrots, red chilies, pickles, black pepper, cloves and laurel leaves, and boiling corn oil are then added. Padilla and her four workers



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How Palaweños safeguard their future

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for shipping," explains Ramon Sia of WST, an exporter.

Since the fish are shipped live, adds Rodin Acodile of the Great Ocean Aquamarine Products, conditioning involves a process called water filtration, where the fish are allowed to swim in pools of running sea water mixed with coral sand. The process takes up to two days. During this time, the fish are no longer fed.

The tedious process of deep-sea fishing naturally means a higher price tag. A kilogram of *lapu-lapu* sells from P800 to P1,000.

Seeing how profitable this

method is, neighboring municipalities are now also catching their fish *mano-mano*. The method has also been endorsed and supported by local and provincial governments.

Fish that die from "trauma" are frozen and sold in local wet markets and supermarkets at half the price.

San Vicente's *lapu-lapu* can weigh up to over 1 1/2 kg each, but 3/4 kg-1 kg is considered a "good size."

Danilo Martinez of WST says harvest is at its peak in May and drops in November when the *amihan* (northeast monsoon) blows. On a good week, they catch up to 400 pieces, or about 600 kg.

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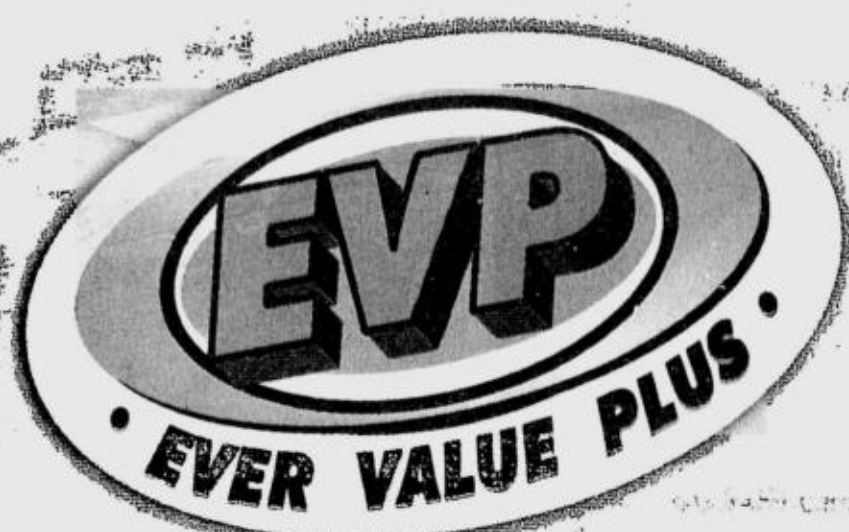
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Flashes of duh . . .

Or inspired
thoughts at the
wrong time

By Jim Paredes

I CAN'T help it. Much as I try to concentrate, my mind wanders as the priest begins his homily. I gaze out a big window where the trees, birds and sky beckon, resplendent in their beauty. I am torn between which mystery to honor. And yet, half-listening to the sermon, my mind leaps into fantasies as certain words—Jesus, Filipino, government, vocations, war, crisis—coming from the pulpit trigger it to flights of daydreaming.

Sorry! Here I go again!

Innocents abroad

Why is it that when we Filipinos are abroad, we generally behave decently, strictly obeying rules and regulations? And yet, back home, we can be so incorrigibly remiss in following the simplest traffic rules, the anti-littering law and even the bigger ones, like paying taxes.

The challenge before us is how to make Filipinos become model citizens right here at home. How to do this? Simple: We can proclaim the entire Philippines a "foreign country"—like Sweden, or Germany.

This simple proclamation should automatically make all of us Filipinos foreigners in this country we've always thrashed! Once we realize we are "abroad," we might just adjust to the laws and rules of our "host country."

Think about it, Filipinos en masse following rules: No more throwing of garbage indiscriminately. No more spitting on the sidewalks. No more urinating in public. A lot less crime and corruption!

Furthermore, declaring the Philippines a foreign country will be a big step in solving our budget deficit as Filipinos line up annually to pay fees to the foreign government to renew our "brown cards!"

And we will never have to leave our homes to go abroad since we are already there.

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Have you heard of Chindogu?

It is the art of solving a personal need by inventing an object that one thinks will make life easier but in the end doesn't—common sense alone will not cut it

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Text by Janus Victoria
Photos by Dominadoranne Lim

IT IS raining in Manila. The street you are walking on is starting to get flooded. So you try to tiptoe your way to avoid the dirty water from wetting your feet. You hope the rubber shoes you are wearing will be enough to protect your feet. You start to think you will make it home unscathed but then—surprise! You step into a crater filled with ankle-deep grimy water. After the expletives explode in your mind, fear creeps in. You remember the story of someone who died because fatal rat pee found in the metro's floodwaters seeped into him through his toes. As you worry, a light bulb suddenly flashes above your head. You experience a moment of "Duh! What I need are plastic socks!"

This is Chindogu—the art of creatively solving a personal need by inventing an object that one thinks will make life easier but in the end doesn't. Plastic socks, for example, will keep one's feet dry from floodwater, but the plastic material will eventually cause the feet to sweat and stink.

As Kenji Kawakami, the 55-year-old inventor of Chindogu, pointed out in an interview by Steve Wilson at www.stim.com, "The first fault I got rid of, but I got another new, bigger problem. Everything, every Chindogu is like this," Kawakami began making his

"AYOKONG MATAMAAN NG PAYONG KANG MAY PAYONG!"



"unuseless" inventions 17 years ago in Japan, but it was only in the last 10 years, while he was working as an editor of a popular Japanese home-shopping magazine, that Kawakami was able to publicize Chindogu, a made-up word that literally means "strange tools" in Japanese. He received many enthusiastic responses until he eventually got an offer to sell some of his inventions. To this, he responded by formulating the 10 tenets to protect the spirit of Chindogu:

1. A Chindogu cannot be for real use.
2. A Chindogu must exist.
3. Inherent in every Chindogu is the spirit of anarchy.
4. Chindogu are tools for everyday life.
5. Chindogu is not for sale.
6. Humor must not be the sole reason for creating Chindogu.
7. Chindogu is not propaganda.
8. Chindogu is never taboo.
9. Chindogu cannot be patented.
10. Chindogu is without prejudice.

Up to this day, Chindogu continues to gain popularity not only in Japan but worldwide. And as the fan base grows, many new interpretations of Chindogu are also emerging. According to Wilson's article, "...in North America, they're viewed as amusing Japanese party gags, in Europe as a new art form, and in Hong Kong and Taiwan, as potential moneymakers."

Bizarre gadgets

Here in the Philippines, I first heard of Chindogu two months ago when my teacher, Apo member Jim Paredes, assigned each student in our Creativity and Problem Awareness class to come up with at least two Chindogus. At first, the whole class was clueless; some of us didn't even know how to pronounce the word when we saw it written on the board. So he explained: "A Chindogu is an almost useless invention, a bizarre gadget that has broken free from the chains of usefulness." The explanation just made us more confused. "For example," he continued, "I had a student before who was always wary that he might confuse the towel spot he uses to dry his face with the spot he uses to wipe his genitals. And so he outlined his body on a towel."

Most of us nodded at this, but I felt we were just feigning understanding. I kept thinking of what else we could possibly conceive of that was not yet available in stores. After all, in this postmodern age, it seems as if everything has been thought of already. Is there anything left in the fountain of creativity?

Fortunately, there was plenty, as we saw during the Chindogu day in class.



On the day of the class presentation, each student had the chance to go in front of the class, present the inventions and wait for the approval of the judges (science department head Toby Dayrit, Pidro Shirts GM Raffy Paredes, scriptwriter Cecil Matutina and comedian Leo Martinez). Each student presented very unique "solutions" that answered different needs. For example, there was the velcro shoulder bag that answers a girl's need to organize things inside her bag. Another was a "car-finder" made up of two small flags stuck on something that looks like a flying saucer, which one can put on top of a car so that s/he can easily find it in any parking lot; a breath-checker which is really just a tube that the inventor sticks to her nose and mouth for "breath checks!"

Then there were the kinky inventions like the "jaguar," a jazzed-up underwear with a condom, a cigarette and a lighter stuck to it by velcro, which answers the need for "sexual



preparedness"; and the "contraption," a towel rack with claws and ropes tied on both ends which women can just hang on the door and hold onto to prevent their bums from touching the toilet bowl whenever they have to use public restrooms.

Milieu-rooted

But what I found most intriguing were the inventions that seemed (to me at least) to be more culturally rooted in our milieu. First, there was the "portable dressing room," which is a very long and billowy skirt with straps that can be worn as a duster. It answers the specific needs of *tiangge* shopaholics—if there are no available dressing rooms, the person can simply "hide" inside the skirt. Then there were the numerous armpit-sweat absorbers, mostly just sanitary napkins strapped to the armpits. I was surprised to see an almost equal number of boys and girls trip on this theme. Could this be a sign that more and more Pinoys are becoming concerned with the state of their pits?

Or is this a testimony to the popularity of toilet humor?

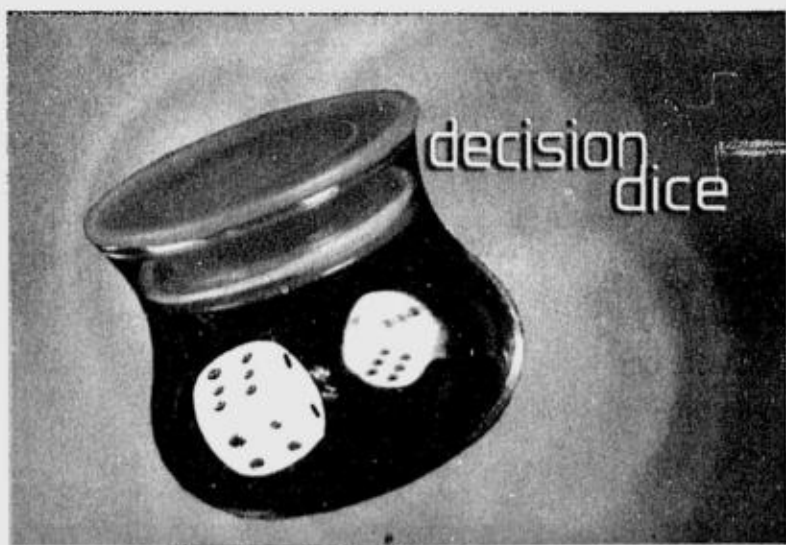
In the end, all the students got a thumbs-up; everybody had the spirit of Chindogu. Or, as the cheers of some students put it, "Puwedel! Puwedel!" It was a fitting "walk the edge" homework for a creativity class. After all, as Kawakami put it, "Chindogu is the symbol of freedom... a free soul is needed to think of Chindogu, to think of stupid, crazy things. You can never do it with common sense alone."

Modern Day Beatitudes

Blessed are the strange, the weird, the people we laugh at, those who do not fit our mold, especially the socially wretched and despised. By their presence in our lives, they expand our reality—on our part, reluctantly, and on theirs, so painfully—by forcing us to look at them in the hope that we see God in them.

Blessed are the depressed and the addicted for they are called upon to demonstrate the healing miracles of God through their own awakening.

Blessed are those who are broken, those who fail, those who fall below our expectations, for they are asked to show the rest of us that not being perfect is part of the human condition—that accepting our imperfection is the first step in our realization of the divine perfection of all that is.



Getting connected in the cyber age

By Mariel N. Francisco

CAN a book really change your life? It has been known to happen. But more likely, what makes ripples and waves in our consciousness, changing us forever, is making sense of a book in the company of kindred spirits.

A book-discussion group is not just a nerdy exercise. As a kind of support group for personal growth, it is where one can be oneself, and where everyone can shine because it is not competition but cooperation that brought the group together. It is also fun.

The exercise begins with a book one of you "happened" to pick up in a bookstore (the book was probably jumping up and down, saying, "Buy me! Buy me!"), which gets the whole group excited. A get-together is proposed to share reflections on the book. The get-together is followed by another, then another as new books keep coming off the press.

Your thirst for all this stimulating knowledge, never before so readily available to the human race, becomes insatiable. By then, your group is so bonded that it is sheer delight to just sit around and share the latest synchronicity in one's life, the victory over a bad habit or the birth of another project resulting from one's boundless creativity.

What got our group started was "Conversations with God" Book 1 by Neale Donald Walsch. Lita Ortigas brought it home from the US in 1997, and soon we started a discussion group at the Center for Health and Creative Arts (Chakra). Jim Paredes got hold of the book via another route and was zestfully bouncing along with its happy, life-giving truths.

Being all based in the Loyola Heights area, we held together quite steadfastly and gobbled up "Conversations with God" Books 2 and 3 as soon as they were put on bookstore shelves.

Love and fear

With his beautiful affirming energy, Jim quickly became the group's heart force, often starting the discussion by sharing a commonplace incident in daily life which had been imbued with a deeper meaning by the day's lesson, and closing the session by calling for an intoxicating group hug.

"What is the sponsoring thought behind that statement?" he would ask now and again, until one of the books' main teachings had practically become our mantra: The opposite of love is not hate, but fear.

Members and occasional guests come and go until a core group forms, which will show up for meetings rain or shine and keep the sessions going. Some are good at timekeeping or photocopying or bringing the merienda, and others at remembering assigned chapters or getting the essential points and leading the discussion. Some are good at sticking to the topic and others at sharing incidents, which may seem not to have anything to do with the day's lesson, but are milestones of growth in the big picture. In the true spirit of group work, everyone's contribution is important. We learn not just from the book but also from one another.

Openness, honesty and authenticity transformed us into our highest visions of ourselves. Tess has given up smoking and curbed her spending, Cynthia has become aware of her bullying, while Ging has discovered her inner love. Claire has hurdled magnificently the challenges of her business. Bill has become a more patient and compassionate listener, and Bea has written and launched a book.

Jim has written two books, with a third on the way. Through his workshop, "Tapping the Creative Universe" (which most of us have taken), he has set many timid artists onto their paths of growth.

What captivated us was not just the content of the books, but their significance, the fruit of each author's amazing life. The writers—living, breathing human beings just like us—were masters, indeed, having gained self-knowledge and cosmic confidence and glimpsed the meaning of existence through their own life lessons.

True spirituality, after all, is not floating away to some rarefied realm, but being able to engage effectively in the practical tasks of everyday life.

In the now

"The Power of Now" stunned us with the power and clarity of its message that we can rid ourselves of unhappiness and pain by being in the "now." Its author, Eckhart Tolle, underwent a profound spiritual transformation when he

was 29 years old, which dissolved his old identity and radically changed the course of his life. Since then, he has devoted himself to helping people get out of the "what ifs" and "if onlys" by living fully in the present.

Carolyn Myss, medical intuitive, spent almost two decades of struggle researching and writing her opus, "Sacred Contracts: Awakening Your Divine Potential," the centerpiece of our current weekly feast.

As we go about our daily tasks, we now observe ourselves and ask: "What is my sacred contract with this person?" With detachment, we can see whether our interactions are helping or hindering our life mission, and learn to laugh at ourselves and our dramas.

Neale Donald Walsch was at a dead-end in his life after several failed relationships. He screamed in anger and frustration, "God, what do you really want from me?" To his shock, he received an answer, or a series of answers.

The dialogue continues to this day, translated into various languages (including Chinese) all over the globe.

Love is religion

It was the greatest thrill for us when Neale came to Manila in June 2001 upon Jim's invitation. At his public appearance at the Meralco Theater, we had a satisfying dose of ancient wisdom and sensible new attitudes, which make up God's message for our time, giving us the courage to practice as a community what we already feel in our heart of hearts.

"I no longer feel I belong to a particular church. What should I say when people ask me what my religion is?" asked an intense young woman.

"I just say my religion is Love," Neale said. It sounded perfectly right.

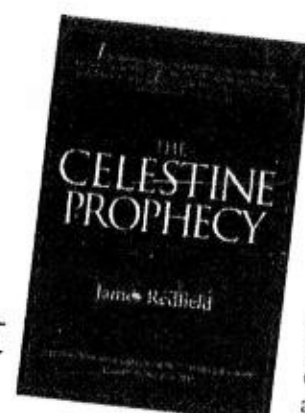
James Redfield, author of "The Celestine Prophecy," tells us that this is the time when souls belonging to the same group find each other because it is in group work that we have the greatest opportunities to grow. The people around us are always there for a reason. And when we get together purposefully to create our

own alternative education program, we are evolving consciously and helping to move the planet forward.

A word of warning is in order: Those who don't want to change shouldn't bother starting or joining a book-discussion group. The time for showing off our high IQ is over, thank goodness! At this stage of our journey, it is clear that knowledge that does not transform is sterile.

We want to chew on books that offer new perspectives for looking at and living life, and help us cultivate new habits of thinking, doing and being. We want to be with others who can help us change ourselves, whether by inspiration, intuition or mere imitation (to begin with). Only when individuals change can the world change.

Need some tips for forming a book club? E-mail the author at marielf@info.com.ph or contact the Center for Health and Creative Arts (Chakra) at 434-5381 or chacracenter@yahoo.com.



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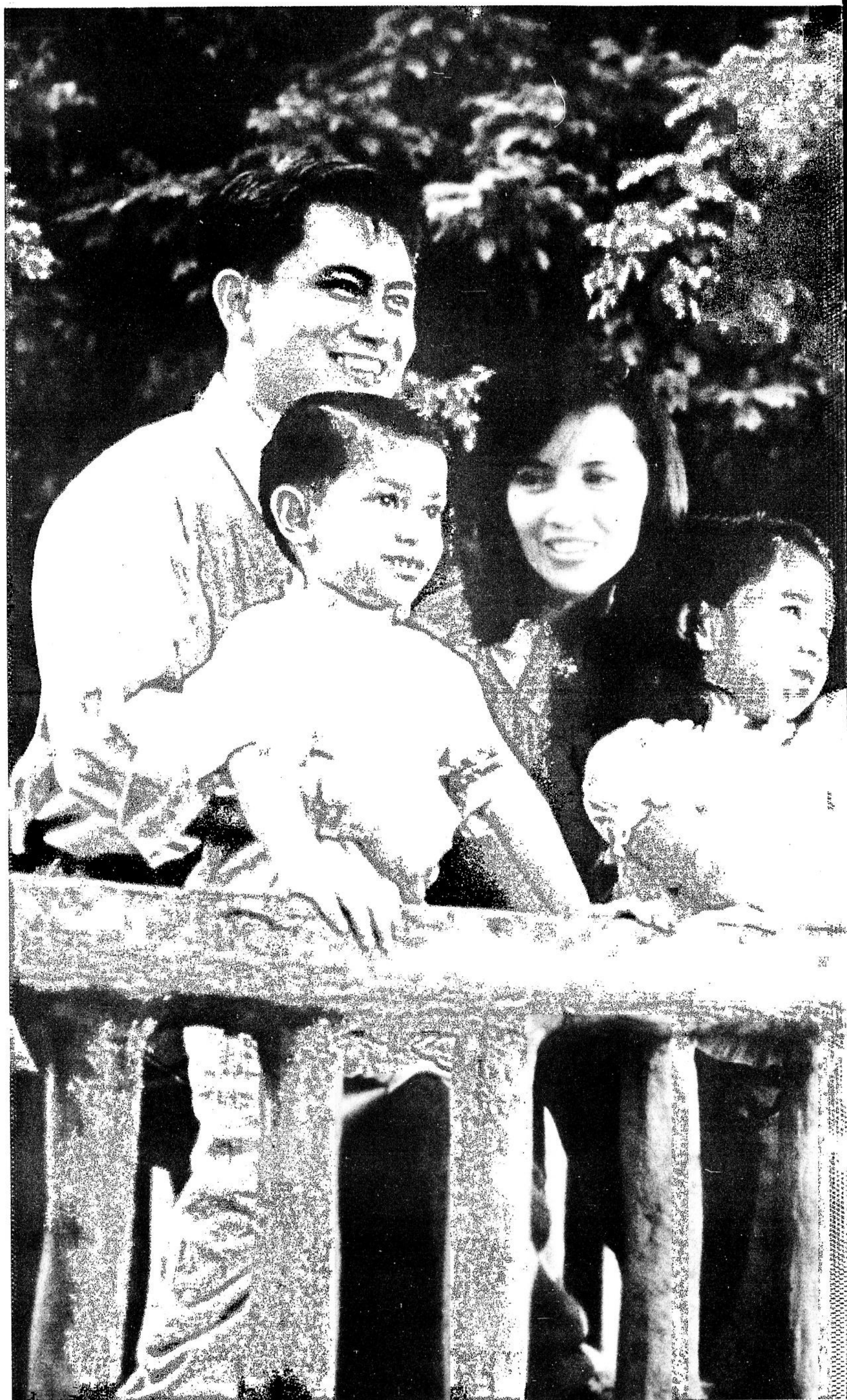
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Blessed are the cruel, the calloused and uncaring for on some deep unconscious level, they choose to delay their own liberation so that others may be 'enlightened' by their example.

Blessed are those who cause us to suffer repeatedly by their mistakes, for they are our tutors who spend valuable time so that we learn our lessons well.





Kapuso ng pamilyang Pilipino, anumang kulay ng buhay.





CHECHE LAZARO,
broadcast journalist
"On hindsight, I would have asked permission from my mom (as my dad had passed away by then) to live in Europe for a year to learn a European language, to get immersed in a different culture and, hopefully, appreciate even more my own country and culture. Otherwise, I think I did everything I wanted to do. Life has been good."

LANCE GOKONGWEI,
CEO, JG Summit
"Now that I'm older, I realize that 18 was the last time I had a lot of free time for myself. I would have spent my summer vacation in China learning to speak good Mandarin, which is becoming an essential language for business people today. I would also have spent more time on the golf course practicing so that I wouldn't be such a terrible player today."

SEN. GREG HONASAN
"I would have wanted to go overseas and looked for the best learning institution. I would also have wanted to travel to other countries. However, due to many constraints I was unable to do so. Traveling and maximizing the learning process could have made me a prematurely better person."

AURORA SILAYAN-GO,
executive director, Foundation for Adolescent Development
"I wish I was allowed to sleep in my friend's house, drive the car and be allowed to dance at parties. However, boys and sex never interested me."

LEO RIINGEN,
president, Informatics
"If I were 18 again, I would spend more time hanging out with my friends doing non-academic things, rather than spending all the time studying in the library. I would also listen 70 percent more to my parents."

GING SEVERINO DE LOS REYES,
president, Flower Farm Corp.
"I wish I knew more about the environment and all the things that affect it so I could have already done something positive about it. There was nothing that I couldn't do then because my parents fully supported my ballet lessons, which came at a time when wearing tights and leotards were considered mortal sin."

ATOM HENARES,
businessman
"I've become more focused and choosy later in life, but this wasn't the case when I was a teenager. I thought I had all the time and energy in the world. Thus, I probably ended up wasting a lot of time doing all sorts of things and going in all sorts of directions. This left me with little time to focus on more important things such as meaningful, life-long relationships."

SEN. LOREN LEGARDA
"I have little misgivings about that phase in my life. I enjoyed the thrills and challenges that only the innocence of that age could bestow, while knowing that I had set my priorities right. However, if there were one thing I'd do at age 18 which I did not do, it would be to start planting trees right at that tender age. Imagine how big and tall and how many those trees would be."

Oh, to be young and 18 again!

Compiled by Cathy Babao Guballa

MARK Twain wrote, "Life would be infinitely happier if we could only be born at the age of 80 and gradually approach 18."

So we ask several respondents: "If you could be 18 again, what would you do that you didn't do or were not allowed to do?" Their answers border on the humorous and the trite. Their wishes, hopes and dreams speak loads about the men and women that they are.

Achievers look back with longing to the age when everything seemed a world of possibilities

SEN. RENE CAYETANO
"Read the Bible."



GABRIEL SINGSON,
former Bangko Sentral governor
"Before I met my wife, there was this woman whom I wanted to be my girlfriend, but I didn't have the courage to court her since she was older."



ARACELI DANS,
artist
"When I was 18 I wanted to learn how to climb a tree, but was not allowed to kasi unbecoming daw."



REP. NEPTALI GONZALES JR.
"If 18 again I would court a lot, as in, lots and lots of girls to experience variety. This time around I would listen to my mother's advice to be a movie star so I would be a senator someday."



PATIS TESORO,
designer
"I should have been de-virginized! I would have had more fun!"

Blessed are the nameless, the faceless, the dispossessed, the refugees, the homeless and the poor for they point us to the way to compassion. By their sheer numbers, they tell us that ultimately, the experience of compassion is inescapable.



SEN. KIKO PANGILINAN
"Dapat nag-aral pa ako ng mas mabuti at nagbuho ng mas maraming oras sa pagsasanay sa academics."

MILA MAGSAYSAY-VALENZUELA,
partner, Valenzuela, Moyer & Ysmael
"I would have been happy to have had nothing of the trappings, ceremonials that came with being a presidential daughter, like having a bodyguard."

BEN FARRALLES,
fashion designer
"There was really nothing that I wanted to do that I wasn't allowed to do, but within the limits of good behavior. I was able to do all the things that I set out to do."

SEN. PING LACSON
"I didn't have much choice because I was a PMA plebe when I was 18 and as such I enjoyed practically no freedom to choose what to do with my life."

GREG GARCIA,
former head of Hemisphere Leo Burnett
"See the world. The best time to see the world is when you are young and single. Unfortunately, it is also the time when you are jobless and poor."

GARY TEVES,
president, Landbank
"Learn Mandarin and study it. Be more useful. Learn the rudiments of carpentry, plumbing and electrical troubleshooting. Take speech and voice lessons to improve projection in communication."

LOUIE MORALES,
chair, Image Dimensions
"I would have studied and lived a carefree young life abroad."

MALU DY-BUNCIO,
general manager, Avon
"I was happy and headstrong at 18. Even if I wasn't allowed, if I really wanted to do it, I did it."

John. Gusto kong maging magaling mag-isip.—**Dong Abay**, vocalist and composer of Pan, former vocalist of the now-defunct Yano

If I were a Beatle, I'd be Paul because I can't scream.—**Buddy Zabala**, bassist, Eraserheads

Hmmm... That's tough. I'd probably wish I were John because of his songwriting skills and radical outlook. But I guess I'm more like George because I play more of a supportive role in my band. I wish I could play like him, too. My fave Beatles songs are "Across the Universe" and "Something."—**Jason Caballa**, guitarist, Fatal Posporos

George Harrison, because he was the quiet one, and you wouldn't know if he were stoned or not. My favorite is "Strawberry Fields Forever."—**Jett Pangan**, vocalist, The Dawn

I'm not really a Beatles fan but I listen to their songs. I choose John Lennon because he's the most well-known. I like their song "Hey, Jude."—**Miniong Cervantes**, guitarist, Siakol

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Lennon—legendary, complex, deep, dead. I like a lot of their songs but I can only think of "Strawberry Fields Forever" at the moment.—**Annette Ortiz**, drummer, Fatal Posporos

John. If I were a Beatle... I'd be dead and buried, assassinated, perished, deceased, passed away, gone to meet my Maker... A dearly departed Beatle.—**Kris Gorra-Dancel**, vocalist, Eraserheads and Fatal Posporos

John Lennon, because complex personalities fascinate me. That and prodigious talent. My fave Beatles songs are "A Day in a Life" and "Strawberry Fields Forever."—**Donna Macalino**, bassist, Fatal Posporos



Pinoy musicians answer the question: 'If you were a Beatle, who would you be?'

Feeling Beatles

Blessed are the people who arouse us to anger, those who bring out the worst in us, for they force us out of the denial that we harbor within—that we are hooked on them, that they resonate with something hidden inside us, and to break free, we must let go of our misguided moral superiority.

Blessed are those who do not seem to have a life, and especially those who do not have a choice—those who are physically debilitated, paralyzed or in a coma and cannot move, for they bring us a message that is lost in this age of frenzy—that to be worthy of God's love, we need not strive to do or achieve anything, but simply be.

Paul McCartney. I still love his present songs. "Lucy in the Sky" is my favorite Beatles song.—**Jake Lumacad**, keyboardist, True Faith

John Lennon, the original "lover not a fighter." My fave Fab Four song is "Let It Be."—**Eugene Marfil**, rhythm guitarist, True Faith

Compiled by Cheche V. Moral

THEY took the world by storm and forever changed the course of music history. No other music group to this day can lay claim to the magnitude of the Beatles' fame. Revolutionizing pop music with their unique brand of music-making, John, Paul, George and Ringo (no last names necessary, thank you) disbanded in 1970, but they continue to rouse and inspire both fans and musicians alike. The only group to have produced 20 No. 1 songs in recording history, their songs live on and remain top favorites—the underlying meanings of their lyrics much debated about.

Over four decades later and with half of the Fab Four already dead (Lennon was killed in 1980 by a mentally troubled young man and Harrison died of cancer last year), we asked local contemporary musicians to spill their "Beatles envy" with the question: If you were one of the Beatles, which one would you be and why?

The interesting mix of responses is a peek at how the quartet continues to influence music-makers all over—even on this tiny side of the planet. It's quite a testament that, indeed, "Yesterday" is never truly forgotten.

George Harrison. His esoteric views on faith and paths to divinity are things that we must apply on a global scale in these times of turmoil and uncertainty brought about by religious conflicts. My favorite Beatles song is "Blackbird." It's a song about hope and that inevitable second chance in life.—**Medwin Marfil**, vocalist, True Faith

Ringo Starr. He's the type who's open to unorthodox methods. Just look at the way he plays his [drum] hats.—**Jay Valencia**, lead guitarist, True Faith

Ringo Starr, kasi drummer din ako, eh! "Help" ang favorite ko.—**Jun Dizon**, drummer, True Faith

John Lennon. Tapos 'di ko jajacksonin si Yoko. 'Hanap ako ng mas maganda. My fave song is "Black Bird."—**Mike Dizon**, drummer, Sandwich

I'd probably be Paul or Harrison, but I'd probably end up as a feeling-Lennon. [My fave song is] "The Fool on the Hill."—**Marc Abaya**, guitarist, Sandwich

I'd like to be George Harrison. I guess I'm quite like him—quiet, shy and spiritual. My fave song is "I Want You"—so much passion in so few words.—**Kelvin Yu**, bassist, itchyworms

Paul, because he is still alive and giggling! [My] fave song is "And Your Bird Can Sing."—**Jazz Nicolas**, drummer, itchyworms

Paul McCartney. He's a very good musician, he's the richest and, most importantly, he's alive! My favorite Beatles song is "The End," from my favorite Beatles album, "Abbey Road." I also love "Real Love" from "Anthology 2."—**Jugs Jugueta**, vocalist, itchyworms

I'd be John, because he changed how people thought. [My] fave song is "Something."—**Chino Singson**, guitarist, itchyworms

George—just because I had to pick one—which, of course, would be an impossibility. It is obviously impossible to choose just one Beatles song because their output was so prolific. But under the circumstance, I'd pick "Rain."—**Diego Castillo**, guitarist, Sandwich

John Lennon. For me he's the greatest composer. My favorite is "Across the Universe" at lahat ng kinanta ni Lennon.—**Noel Palom**, vocalist, Siakol



Flashes of duh . . .

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Extreme games



I was watching a documentary about the bull runs in Pamplona, Spain, where thousands of locals and tourists risk life and limb for the thrill of running with charging bulls through the narrow, crowded streets of the town. Frankly, I find the whole scene... well, stupid. Talk about doing something mindless, not to say reckless.

And yet, no amount of blood and gore will stop people from attending this event. In fact, the risk of being bloodied may be its big come-on.

Given this visceral side of tourism, Dick Gordon and the tourism guys might take page from Pamplona and plan similar, if not more exciting, alternatives for tourists who are so inclined—in Manila?

Think about it! Two thousand tourists in, say, a narrow street in the Malate area. At a given signal, they are told to run like hell while we release upon them dozens of bag and cell phone snatchers, and thugs itching to rob or mug them senseless!

By comparison, the Pamplona bull run will be about as exciting as knitting in a rocking chair.



Jesus is Pinoy

Joseph Campbell, the great mythologist, contends that every race considers itself as the chosen people. Just watch National Geographic and Discovery channels' documentaries and you can't help but agree. From Mayan, Egyptian, Japanese, Chinese, to Aborigine and African cultures, it is clear that ethnocentricity, or the belief that one's culture is best, is a common worldview.

Bible history also tells us that the Jews believed (and still do) that they are the chosen ones. And more recently, George W. Bush has been acting like there are no other people in the world more important than Americans.

If you are one of those Filipinos who, even for a second, have considered the possibility that Rizal could have fathered Hitler (as some have speculated), then you are the reader I am addressing!

Okay, so almost every race has assumed a special "chosen" status at one time in its history. For us Pinoys, I wish to claim something higher. And what I claim for the Filipino race is this: Jesus was a Filipino!

When you really think about it, how could He not have been?

Consider the following:

- Jesus formed a *barkada*, also known as the Apostles, and spent a great deal of time hanging out with them. How much more Pinoy can one get!

- Jesus was, from all indications, not gainfully employed like a great many of us. (Being a Messiah is a good thing, but not a real job like plumbing or dressmaking. You get what I mean?)

- He liked banquets and celebrations, the wedding at Cana and the Last Supper being two memorable occasions. Like a real Pinoy, He shared his food, seeing to it that everyone was fed, even if there wasn't enough. One could almost imagine Him calling to people, "*Kain tayo!*" and meaning it. Of course, He resorted to extraordinary means like miracles when there wasn't enough, as in the multiplication of the loaves and fishes, but you get my drift.

- Like many Filipinos, Jesus spent a big chunk of His life (from His late teen years to His early 30s) in different parts of the Middle East. Like some of our *kabayans* there, He got into trouble with the law because of His preaching.

- Jesus was closer to His mother than to His earthly father. (Isn't every Boyet, Juan or Pedro like that?)

- While we Filipinos have learned to walk through water during the rainy season, Jesus did His own walking on water. (He is God after all.)

- He had *ninongs* in the Three Kings who were the only people who gave Him birthday presents. And like many Filipino kids, He never saw His *ninongs* again, nor did He ever receive gifts from them again.

- And last, but not least, like the Filipino whose collective memory is notoriously short, Jesus doesn't keep a logbook of our past offenses. He was/is always forgiving!

So, are you now convinced He could have been Filipino? If you still aren't, consider this: According to my brother Jesse, the cryptic letters—INRI—nailed above the dead Christ on the Cross stand for Ilocos Norte Region I.

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With less and less young people entering the religious life, I sometimes wonder how the Church will be able to service the spiritual needs of the ever growing Catholic multitude.

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THE MOTHER-DAUGHTER bond of Celine and Emily Lopez



KITH AND KIN. Eric and Tony Hotung with Antonio Represas from Shanghai

Love's wave in Waikiki

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that night! So the most impromptu party (30 minutes to be exact) in this nation's history had to be organized, and Patrick came to the rescue, with his home as the venue with an instant bar, hors d'oeuvres and more. Also, thanks to the wonders of text messaging, a few guests showed up, simulating an intimate gathering among good friends.

From then on, Wendy and Tony became inseparable. From Shanghai to Manila and back, the two lovebirds burned phone lines and exploited airline mileages just to see each other. This went on for a year until Tony finally proposed to Wendy, under the stars of the Boracay sky.

Fast-forward to St. Augustine Church in Waikiki Beach, Hawaii. Wendy was so relaxed in her white Inno Sotto gown as she walked down the aisle with her dad, Putch Puyat. It was as intimate as intimate could be. She had that silent glow as she approached the altar—we all gasped at her beauty. Then again, we do that anytime we see Wendy anywhere.

That night was extra special though. "Man of honor" (since he couldn't be the maid of honor for obvious reasons) Patrick described it as "the longest running and highest rated soap opera in Manila—and this wedding is the long-awaited cliffhanger." Time for Wendy to be with her Peter Pan. Together they flew with fairy dust to Never Never Land.

At the cocktail reception at the Kahala Mandarin right after the ceremony, champagne flowed as friends and family of both the bride and groom flew from all parts of the world just to make it to the union of these two love-fated souls.

Wave of love

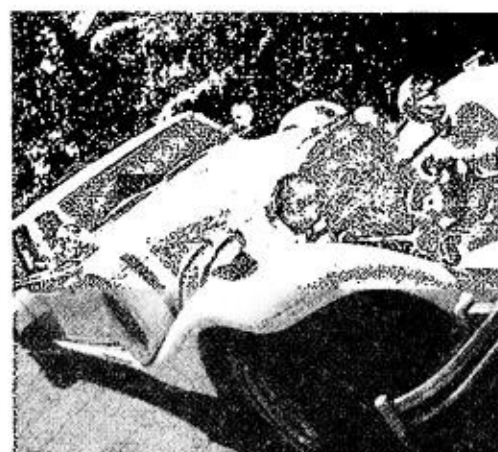
"And so off you go, our treasured princess, swept off your feet by a valiant prince to the starry night above; may the sun and the moon always smile sweetly upon you; and just like every fairy tale of our childhood, may you live happily ever after..." Listening to one heart-felt speech after another, from best friend Patrick to maid of honor and cousin Yvette Rodriguez, one couldn't help but shed tears of joy amid the palpable wave of love that enveloped the ballroom.

Wendy's brother Fitz put it best when called onto the podium. He cried unabashedly, and in between restrained sobs, said, "I love you... I just love you both."

To toast to the happiness of the newlyweds, a full night of dancing ensued. Tony even went onstage to render his own version of Tom Jones' "It's Not Unusual," which was a sure showstopper.

Looking back at the wedding, one song finds itself playing in my head.

*Lovely, lovely never change
Keep that breathless charm
Won't you please arrange it
'Cause I love you, love you
Just the way you look tonight...*



ALOHA! Nena Bondoc, Tony Hotung and Bingle Puyat the night before the wedding



LORD OF THE RINGS. Tino walks down the aisle carrying symbols of Wendy and Tony's happiness.



BABY ON BOARD. Tony's nephew Thor



PARTY TIME! Tony and Wendy Hotung with Patrick Reyno, Yvette Rodriguez, Celine Lopez, Jackie Cohen, Marco Antonio, Fitz Puyat, Tim Yap, Jon Jon Rufino, Steve and Lindy Theodoropoulos and Joey Carpo at the Kahala Mandarin Oriental

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BUHAY DEBUT

Iris Stephanie B. Buhay, daughter of **Eduardo** and **Dr. N. Ingrid Buhay**, will celebrate her 18th birthday on Nov. 9 at the Manila Midtown Hotel. Iris is an AB International Studies major in European studies freshman at the De La Salle University.



NIETO DEBUT

Crystal Grace A. Nieto, daughter of **Renato** and **Agnes Nieto**, will celebrate her coming of age on Nov. 4 at the Manila Midtown Hotel. Crystal will wear a **Sheran Evangelista** creation. She is an AB International Studies junior at the College of the Holy Spirit, Manila.



Milestones

We accept announcements of weddings and engagements. Please send in the following typewritten information: names of engaged couple, names of parents, date and place of wedding, gown designer and related brief information. Readers may send sketches of gowns and pictures of the couple at least one month before the wedding. This will be printed depending on space availability and at no cost to the sender.

LAURIO
DEBUT

Maria Noenna C. Laurio, daughter of **Noe and Maria Ana Laurio**, celebrated her 18th birthday yesterday at the Manila Midtown Hotel. Noenna is an AB Behavioral Science Organizational Management student at University-Manila. The gown created by



LAGO-DEE

Barbara Shiela S. Dee, daughter of Dr. and Ms **Francis Dee** of Makati City, will wed **Leinard C. Lago**, son of Mr. and Dr. **Vic Lago** of Taytay, Rizal, on Dec. 7 at the Basilica of San Sebastian, Quiapo, Manila. Dinner reception will follow at the Coconut Palace, CCP Complex, Manila.

Both graduates of the University of the Philippines, Manila, she is a senior physical therapist at Maimonides Medical Center in Brooklyn, New York, while he has recently accepted a position in the rehabilitation services unit of the Visiting Nurse Service in New York.



CHING DEBUT

Elaine Ching, daughter of **William** and **Sonia Ching**, celebrated her 18th birthday yesterday at the Grand Ballroom of the Pan Pacific Hotel. Elaine wore a gorged-cut gown in magenta and frosted silver by **Ricci Lizaso**. Embossed flowers with beadwork and sparkling rhinestones gave an air of romance and elegance to her gown.



LUCAS-SAN DIEGO

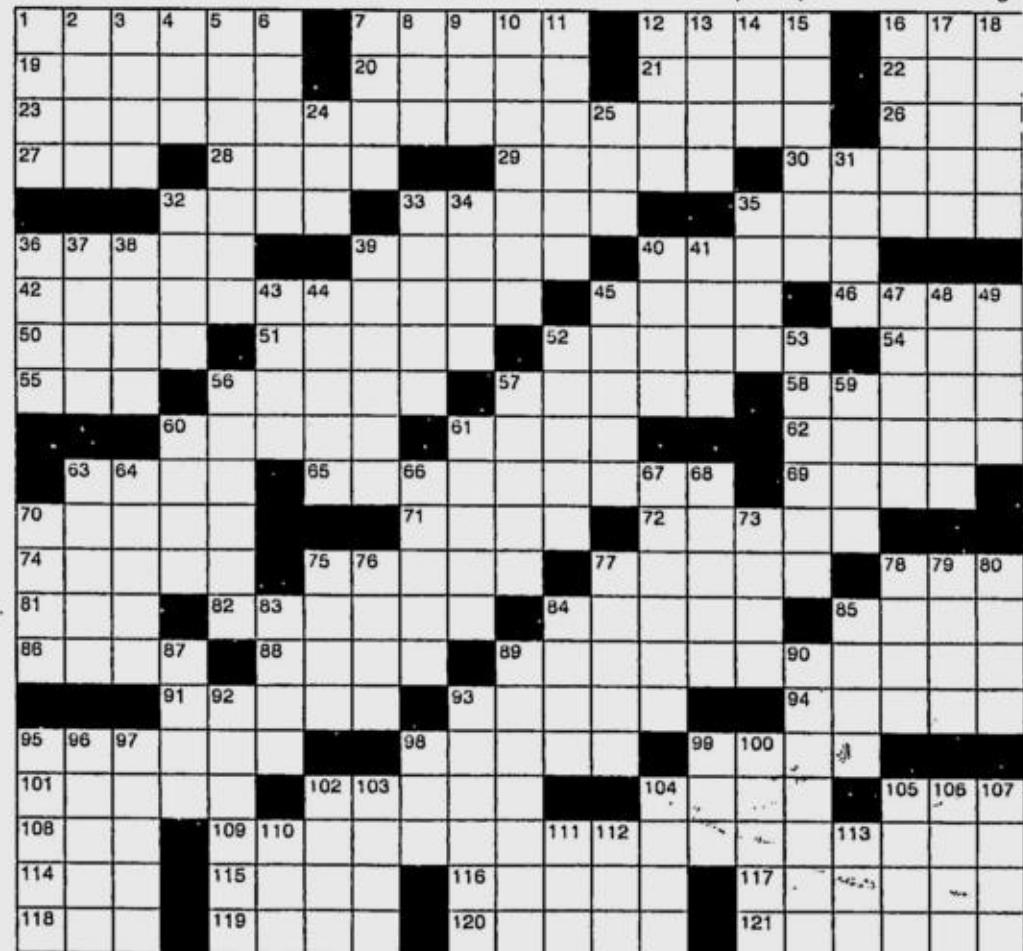
Jeriel A. Lucas, son of Manuel and Imelda Lucas, will wed Ma. Teresa SM. San Diego, daughter of Maria San Diego, on Nov. 8 at the Place of Ceremony, Santuario de San Antonio, Forbes Park, Makati. Reception will follow at the New World Renaissance Hotel.

Edgar San Diego designed the bride's ivory satin gown with a fine layer of illusion tulle, embellished with Austrian crystals. Drama begins when she sashays down the aisle with a 5-m solstice lace train from France, embellished with handcrafted baby pink roses and celadon green leaves.

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HOTUNG-PUYAT NUPTIAL Love's wave

in Waikiki

Text and photos by Tim Yap

*Someday, when I'm awfully low
When the world is cold
I will feel a glow just thinking of you
And the way you look tonight.*

I must have been the champagne. We found ourselves alone at the bar—not in Manila, but in Honolulu, Hawaii. We sang together, like high school buddies about to enter college. We were led by the bebop girls, the bride-to-be Wendy and her maids of honor Yvette, Celine and Joey. While singing, Wendy rested her head on her friend's shoulders, pensive, but with a smile that spelled happiness.

On the other table, a guy sobbed his heart out. "Who's that?" asked the bar singer of the W Hotel Waikiki. "Is he the groom?"

"No," screamed our pal Marco, "he's the ex-boyfriend!" Of course, he was no other than Wendy's best buddy Patrick Reyno, whose sentimental side got the better of him that evening, one night before Wendy was to marry Tony.

Yes, Manila's most eligible, and sought after "it" girl Wendy Puyat has just exchanged "I dos" with Shanghai legal eagle Anthony Hotung. Miss Pooh, I mean Ms Hotung, will now be based in Shanghai, thus the bitter-sweet feelings of her friends, who had been used to hopping from one Manila hip spot to

another with her.

Shanghai to Manila and back

It all started when Wendy took her first yoga class under Sandy and Antonio Arando. Tony was in the same class, upon the invitation of good friend Andres Peña. "Cute," she thought, as she caught a glimpse of Tony trying to reach his toes with much difficulty. Apparently, Tony thought the same of her. After class, they looked at each other tentatively, but failed to make first base.

Enter this writer, full of zest and excitement, unafraid of failure and whatever embarrassment that might come with it. In short, I introduced myself to Tony—then Tony to Wendy—and invited him to a party later that night.

The problem was, there was no such party

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ÜBER stylish mother of the bride Ada Puyat

SIBLING BONDING. Wendy with brother Fitz Puyat

FATHER OF THE BRIDE. Aristeo "Putch" Puyat escorts Wendy down the aisle to Never Never Land.



THE WAY THEY LOOK TONIGHT. Yvette Rodriguez, Celine Lopez, bride Wendy and Joey Carpo singing their hearts out at W Hotel Waikiki.



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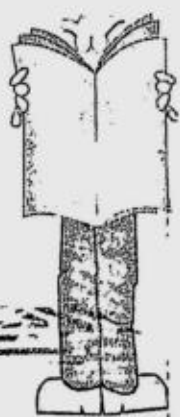
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Marga: I know I won't make a good boss because I'm too soft! When you're the boss, you have to deal with so many different personalities. I tend to want to please people, which a boss can't do. If I fumble, I'm accountable to my

people. If I'm my own boss, I'm the only one affected.

Q: If the boss is effective, his/ her people will be productive. Agree or disagree? Why or why not?

Ruth: Agree! Slaves ape their masters. What people see in their boss, they tend to imitate consciously or not. The boss should be the model or example if he wants his people to abide by him.

Joel: I agree. It's hard working for someone when you're not motivated.

Albert: Agree, because results are the benchmark of one's effectiveness as the boss.

Q: In the future, will you

set up your own business or company so you can be your own boss?

Ruth: Yes, because I'm already tired of pressures and deadlines. Besides, there are more opportunities having your own business rather than having to put up with the boss. I will own my time and have the freedom to implement changes when I would see fit. (After working at a government agency and a major oil company, Ruth is now trying to be her own boss.)

Joel: Yes. I've mapped out my career that way. (Joel worked for a prestigious computer company that included travelling abroad. He's now in charge of the family business.)

Albert: Been there, done that. It's not that easy. (Albert studied Architecture but discovered and eventually excelled in IT. He once ran a computer shop, then returned to corporate life.)

Myra: I prefer getting assigned to do something and working on it on my own, in my own way, at my own pace. (Myra left the advertising industry to raise a family. She's now a freelance writer and holds writing workshops.)

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Myra: I don't want to be the boss because I'm not a team player. I don't like telling people what to do, taking responsibility for other people's mistakes or getting credit for other people's good work.

Marga: I know I won't make a good boss because I'm too soft! When you're the boss, you have to deal with so many different personalities. I tend to want to please people, which a boss can't do. If I fumble, I'm accountable to my

people. If I'm my own boss, I'm the only one affected.

Q: If the boss is effective, his/ her people will be productive. Agree or disagree? Why or why not?

Ruth: Agree! Slaves ape their masters. What people see in their boss, they tend to imitate consciously or not. The boss should be the model or example if he wants his people to abide by him.

Joel: I agree. It's hard working for someone when you're not motivated.

Albert: Agree, because results are the benchmark of one's effectiveness as the boss.

Q: In the future, will you

set up your own business or company so you can be your own boss?

Ruth: Yes, because I'm already tired of pressures and deadlines. Besides, there are more opportunities having your own business rather than having to put up with the boss. I will own my time and have the freedom to implement changes when I would see fit. (After working at a government agency and a major oil company, Ruth is now trying to be her own boss.)

Joel: Yes. I've mapped out my career that way. (Joel worked for a prestigious computer company that included travelling abroad. He's now in charge of the family business.)

Albert: Been there, done that. It's not that easy. (Albert studied Architecture but discovered and eventually excelled in IT. He once ran a computer shop, then returned to corporate life.)

Myra: I prefer getting assigned to do something and working on it on my own, in my own way, at my own pace. (Myra left the advertising industry to raise a family. She's now a freelance writer and holds writing workshops.)

Marga: I've worked for a family corporation and I saw first hand the headaches that having your own company and being your own boss bring. I like being my own boss now. I can write

when I want and I can choose which publication to write for. I can sleep until noon and have only myself to make coffee for. (After retirement from a food conglomerate, Marga went into writing fulltime and holding workshops.)

Pondering on their answers, clearly, everyone thrives under a supportive boss, the one who gives his people enough space and freedom to experiment and achieve more. A good boss gives clear directions, shares in the workload, solicits ideas and likes training his staff. Curiously, although nobody wants a boss who's a control freak, I observed that those who aspire to be the boss want precisely that

privilege—to have control over everything to get the results they want. My friends' individual personalities and priorities eventually affected their career directions.

For me, a boss is more than just a visionary. He must also be a trainer and motivator because it is his people who will help make his vision a reality. I hope this is the kind of boss I get in my new job. But then again, if being an employee doesn't work out, I can do things my own way—and get all the credit and profit.

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By Joel Garfinkle

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Look at activities that fill your day and determine ways they could be done more efficiently or eliminated. By shaving minutes off of several tasks throughout the day, you can free up a larger block of time later.

2. **Underpromise** throughout the day. As you plan your day, allow yourself to lower your ex-

pectations and how many commitments you make for yourself. This will create less pressure and increase your energy throughout the day.

3. **Underschedule** yourself daily. As you plan your time, schedule half the time you have in a day. For example, during a 40-hour workweek, only schedule 30 hours per week. This gives you 10 "extra" hours to handle unplanned contingencies. This will also allow for spontaneous events and for thinking, planning and other creative activities.

4. **Outsource.** Outsource activities that will limit your efforts and energy so that you can leverage your time.

5. **Schedule** daily appointments with yourself. This will help you to work on the projects that are most important to you. Consult with yourself on where you want to direct your energy and time.

6. **Set time limits.** Realize how valuable your time is and quantify what you are going to accomplish with a time deadline or budget. When speaking on the phone, tell the person you are speaking with up front how much time you have for the conversation. Do not go over your time limit. Make phone calls right before lunch or at the end of the day so that the other person is motivated to end them

more quickly. Schedule appointments with start and end times.

7. **Learn to say no.** Learning to say no to nonessential tasks (and sometimes even essential tasks) is important for you to learn to do. Saying no becomes especially valuable with people who monopolize your time at the office. Set your boundaries and standards and stick to them.

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Transform fear of change to hope

By Joel Garfinkle

A WOMAN attending a state fair stopped by the tent of a fortuneteller. Looking into her crystal ball a frown spread across the medium's face as she predicted, "The next fifteen years of your life will be filled with disappointment, unhappiness and poverty."

"Then what?" asked the anxious woman. "You'll grow accustomed to it," concluded the fortuneteller.

One certainty in life is that the future holds unpredictable changes for all of us. However, the most significant benefits are gained by those who have the courage to transform a reluctant or fearful attitude towards change to one of strength and appreciation of the opportunity to find hope in an otherwise hopeless situation.

In June 1941, just two short

years after being forced to retire from baseball as the result of Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, Lou Gehrig was appointed by Mayor LaGuardia to assist the New York City Parole Board in working with and encouraging youthful lawbreakers.

Crushed dreams

Rather than sulking over his "crippled" dreams, Gehrig threw himself into his new job with everything he had or had left. He also kept up a lively interest in research into the disease that had prematurely ended his dream career.

It was a note about the latter from a concerned friend that prompted the following phone call. "I've got some good news for you," Gehrig said. "Looks like the boys in the labs might have come up with a real breakthrough. They've got some new serum that they've tried on 10 of us who have the same problem.

And, you know something? It seems to be working on nine out of ten. How about that?"

Despite trying his best not to ask the obvious question, Gehrig's friend finally queried, "How about you, Lou?"

"Well, it didn't work on me, but how about that for an average? Nine out of 10," responded Gehrig elatedly. "Isn't that great?"

Gentle slope

If you learn nothing else from the quiet greatness of Lou Gehrig, learn this: Change becomes easier when you see it not as the mountain that seems too high, but as a gentle slope.

No matter what our respective situation, change is never easy. It forces us to take risks, become vulnerable and open ourselves to the unknown. So how do you use changing circumstances as a vehicle to discover your dream job or transform the job you already have into your dream job?

Just as Lou Gehrig did when he came to terms with his inevitable death, the key is to change your views on life so you're always looking for new opportunities and viewing change as positive force.

1. **Create tomorrow, don't maintain yesterday.**

Any old ideas that do not support what is most important to you need to be abandoned.

2. **See your challenges as opportunities.**

Welcome unexpected difficulties as an opportunity to make something better. This process isn't an easy one but the rewards can be significant.

3. **Be willing to risk.**

Taking risks is about stepping out of your comfort zone to become what you want for yourself.

4. **Focus on success and opportunities...not problems.**

When you view problems in the context of the larger vision you have for your life they be-

come less important. Also, take note of the successes you've had as you move forward on this change journey so you will feel excited for what you've gained and accomplished along the way. By taking small steps with each success, you begin to make fundamental change.

5. **Use resources wisely.**

Again, just like Lou Gehrig utilized his remaining time and energy, let go of any activities that won't move you toward the outcome you most desire by always questioning how best you can use your resources to maximize each moment of your day.

6. **Imagine new possibilities.**

Begin to realize the new and exciting opportunities that lie ahead within your work. By honoring these powerful possibilities that are within your grasp you'll quickly see that everything has a way of supporting, cooperating and assisting you in reaching

your new objectives.

7. **Take action today for what you want tomorrow.**

Taking action is about embracing the concepts of discipline, motivation and perseverance. When you're taking action you're steps should be specific, achievable, realistic and timely.

Remember, every step you take to change now, is a step closer to becoming able to experience what Lou Gehrig truly meant during his "Farewell to baseball" address when he said: "For the past two weeks you have been reading about a bad break I got. Yet today I consider myself the luckiest man on the face of the earth."

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BOSSING MATTERS

Job seeker looks for best boss

By Bing Fuentes

I'VE HAD three bosses in my 10 years of work. I hardly knew my first boss in the five months I worked for her because she was always in meetings. I was trained by her staff who were pretty much left to work on their own, after skeletal instructions were given, provided they met the deadlines. We didn't have progress reports and quality checks. We also did not get any feedback on our performance.

I learned more from my second boss in another company because I came in at the right time. Our sales group was among the pioneers in the business and our prolific leader was credited for our success. I learned to coordinate closely with people in several departments and three plants, the sales people in the field and their growing customers. I consider this my first real job, the training ground where I learned all the basic skills, which enabled me to contribute a lot to the department.

My last boss in my most recent company was an expat who did not believe in spoonfeeding. Thanks to the sense of urgency and resourcefulness I developed in my previous job, I anticipated and initiated most of the work I did. He was always pleased and gave me pointers whenever I presented my projects or when I exceeded what he needed or expected. Ah, but when I goofed, he'd tell me straight away, no holds barred. But I had no hard feelings because he always stuck to the issues.

I am now on a job search and I wonder what kind of management style my next

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boss would have. To see the possibilities, I asked my friends about their best and worst bosses. Participating in this survey were Ruth, 27, former administrative assistant; Joel, 28, operations manager; Albert, 34, network administrator; Myra, 37, writer and mother; and Marga, 42, former scriptwriter and executive secretary.

Q: Describe your best boss. What did you learn from him/her?

Ruth: The best boss is one who is supportive, democratic, open to ideas, challenging, dynamic and progressive. He discovers and points out my potential and reminds me that I can be more than I can imagine. He would not let anyone influence my decisions just because it's different.

Joel: I've only had two foreigner bosses and I've had no problems with both. They're pretty straightforward. When they want something done, they go ahead and ask you to do it, no beating around the bush. They require a certain level of commitment and they don't like following up things. I learned ownership from them because they give you a lot of freedom and respect for your capabilities.

Albert: The best boss is someone who is down to earth and easy to get along with. I learned that leadership can be earned through respect and not fear.

Myra: The best boss I ever

had was an Anvil awardee with an eye for detail, a knack for spotting potentially good writers and an explosive temper. He yelled at me once for forgetting to put a comma at the end of a parenthetical phrase in an article I wrote. He said, "I'm sure you'll always remember to put that comma there from now on." I have.

Marga: My best boss lets me be! She doesn't treat me like a robot or a glorified nanny. She lets me decide. She pushes me to grow and develop my potential. She gives good advice but keeps her distance. She's compassionate and thoughtful—*lahat na!* I learned that to be a good leader, you must be able to bring out the best in your people.

Q: Describe your worst boss. What did you learn from him/her?

Ruth: He was self-centered, traditional, stubborn, not progressive and a coward. He didn't know how to listen. I did not learn much except that when the going gets tough, you have to save your own skin even if that person helped you reach where you are now.

Joel: None so far.

Albert: He was someone who shouted a lot and would not take "no" for an answer. I told myself I would never follow his style.

Marga: Fortunately, *wala pa!* I had three bosses, all long-term and they were all good so I guess I was lucky. If ever, I know I'll hate a boss who's unjust and inconsiderate. Or



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somebody who grabs all the credit or one who treats you like you have no mind.

Q: Do you want to be the boss? What do you like about being a boss?

Ruth: I want to be the boss not because I want to bully people to or for ego tripping but to share more of what I've

learned and in return, learn more from my people.

Joel: I guess I'm used to the freedom that my former bosses gave me. Being the boss will assure you that your orders are followed.

Albert: I like being the boss because my ideas and decisions count a lot.

Q: What do you dislike about being a boss?

Ruth: I don't like more responsibilities, endless headaches and sleepless nights.

Joel: Probably, the responsibility of telling people that they have to leave the company.

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MARKETING BRAND 'YOU'

Job hunters should look for a 'MAD' company

By Regina Galang Reyes

(This is the second part of the article, "Make brand 'you' a hit in the job market.")

THE SECRET to getting a job quickly is effective prospecting and qualifying. This is in line with the strategy of using sales techniques to get your target company to hire you. In marketing brand "you," personal selling techniques increase your chances in landing your dream job.

In sales, the first step is prospecting which is known as the "lifeblood" of selling. Similarly, looking for your target companies is the key that will open the door to your ideal career.

Prospect

In sales terminology, a prospect is "a qualified person or organization that has the potential to buy your product or service." In job hunting, your prospect is the target company that has positions that require your qualifications. It can also refer to the persons who have the responsibility and authority to hire people for the company. Usually, these are the human resources personnel like the recruitment person who does the initial screening and interview and the HR manager who does the preliminary or final evaluation. Other decision makers are the person to whom the position reports to and the higher level officers who has final approval of hiring in the company, like the group head or the president.

How do you look for prospects? At this stage, the more companies you can find to apply to, the better. The most popular method of prospecting in job hunting is the classified ads portion of your daily newspaper, like *Inquirer's Job Market*. Check out also online job sites like www.jobmarketonline.com. Or if you don't have a budget for surfing on the Internet, try radio stations.



On radio, announcements of job vacancies are getting popular. "People at Work sa DZRH," aired from 3:30 to 4 p.m. every Wednesday, regularly announces job vacancies and accepts applications for referral to companies and job sites.

Referrals

Ask for referrals from friends and relatives, especially those who are already working. They may know of vacancies in the companies that they are working for. Add to your list companies the top 1,000 corporations in the country. While they may not advertise for jobs, they are sure to have vacancies if not at present, then, in the future. Make sure too, that you include companies in the industry you'd like to enter. For ex-

ample, if you are a mass communications graduate, include in your list all the major broadcasting and publishing companies.

Once you have a fat list of companies that you can apply to, start qualifying them. Prospecting after all is the "process of acquiring the basic demographic knowledge of potential customers for your product."

In job hunting, this means getting to know the company's business, products and services, size, financial record, corporate culture, view and treatment of its people, labor relations record and others. Qualifying your prospect includes getting information on these compa-

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What is the proper way to resign a job?

DEAR WW: Recently I read your column about losing your job. I don't have that problem; I want to quit! Can you give me advice on letters of resignation and the proper way to say goodbye?

The Goodbye Guy

Five years ago my family and I moved to an island that is reached primarily by ferry. We'd made the crossing innumerable times while looking for a home, but on the day of our move, an unprecedented thing happened. We were midway through the crossing, all our possessions stashed on a truck below deck, when the boat came to a halt. As people put down newspapers and traded glances, the captain's voice announced: "Sorry for the delay, folks, it'll just be a moment. Some family members are scattering ashes off the stern."

How ironic, we agreed, that the beginning of our new life should include the end of someone else's. What goes around comes around, as we used to say in the 60's. Well, that's also true of work. Your job may feel like a dead end now, but before long you'll be needing a reference from those folks. So you want don't want to burn any bridges. Use the following tips to shape your resignation letter as you prepare to move on. You'll find more ideas in "To the Letter: A Handbook of Model Letters for the Busy Executive" (Jossey-Bass, 1988).

1. Tell them up front that you're leaving. Consider starting with "I offer my resignation ef-

fective sometime in October at your convenience."

Getting right to the point beats a long preamble, which might make it appear that you're playing games. Give them whatever flexibility you can on the date for your last rites. Finally, don't think of it as your old job, but as your newest reference.

2. Tell them why you're leaving. Mother said, "never lie," but she also told you never to hurt someone's feelings. In this case, you want to keep negative feelings to yourself. Instead, say something vague like "I plan to pursue other interests." If you're adamant about airing gripes, do it face-to-

face rather than in writing. Written words have a sting that can wake the dead.

3. Express appreciation for past training, experiences or relationships. Even if you're really angry or unhappy, find SOMETHING good to say. (Someone emailed recently that his former company "had really nice carpet.") Who knows, thinking about the good stuff might be good therapy!

4. Close on an "up." Right now the last thing you'd want is to be reincarnated at that company, but new jobs fold, ventures go unfunded...in hundreds of ways your new opportunity can turn to dust. So use your last line to keep a connection open. Try something like "I hope our paths cross again." Hopefully they

won't. But no point burying your chances.

If you can keep the fires burning at your current job it's less likely your career will end up in ashes.

Here are the results of our last workingwounded.com/ABCnews.com poll: If you were about to resign from your job in anger, which of the following would be your strategy?

—I'd tell them off in my resignation letter, 6.4 percent

—I'd tell them off face-to-face, 17.2 percent

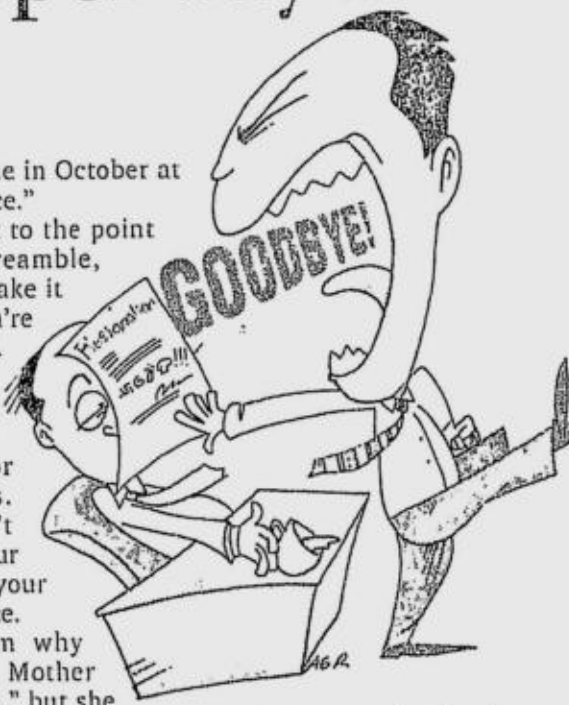
—I'd keep it to myself, 76.2 percent

Our winning strategy for resigning a job comes from B.J. in Oklahoma City, OK. "I handed him my letter of resignation which stated how much I had gained from my employment, how sad I was to leave, how much the people in the company meant to me. The real kicker was I could be retained as a consultant and would accept help phone calls after my normal work hours, would train, after hours, a person to replace me. I offered so much to them, while leaving, that I was retained as a consultant, to this day, at a rate higher than my old salary."

(E-mail feedback to bob@workingwounded.com)

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Jesus Lava

Memories of a Communist

By Eric S. Caruncho
Photograph by Jim Guiao Punzalan

HE Philippine flag still hangs in the Mandaluyong house where Dr. Jesus Lava lives quietly, surrounded by papers and grandchildren—a reminder perhaps of what he has spent the better part of 88 years fighting for.

Tall and thin, with an easy smile and an affable manner, it is hard to picture "Amang," as family members call him, as the "enemy of the state" as he was once considered by the government.

But 40 years ago, as secretary general of the outlawed Partido Komunista ng Pilipinas (PKP), Lava was No.1 on the Philippine Constabulary's hit list. The government had placed a P150,000 bounty on his head—a huge amount in the early 1960s, when the dollar exchange rate was 4:1.

Acting on an informant's tip, PC troopers stormed a house in Sampaloc, Manila on May 21, 1964 and arrested Lava. Conflating Peter Pan and James Bond, Nick Joaquin wrote a melodramatic account of "Operation Lightning" and the capture of "Dr. Huk" in the Free Press. The Macapagal government crowed that it had finally broken the back of the communist movement.

Lava faced charges of subversion, two counts of rebellion and 15 counts of murder, most of them dating back to the Japanese occupation when he was with the Hukbalahap. He pled guilty to rebellion, and was later acquitted on the murder charges, but it would be 10 years before Jesus Lava would see the light of day again.

In the meantime, history moved on. The PKP scrambled to recover from its latest debacle, but it never did.

In 1968, blaming the movement's setbacks on "revisionism, subjectivism, Left and Right opportunism"—tendencies he blamed squarely on the leadership of the Lavas—Jose Ma. Sison led a reestablished Communist Party of the Philippines in a decisive split from the "old" Party. Taking their cue from Mao Tse Tung's theory of protracted war, the CPP and its armed partisans, the New People's Army or NPA, picked up the ball and ran with it. If the Lavas were remembered at all during the CPP's ascendancy in the 1970s, it would be as Sison had painted them before consigning them to the dustbin of history.

But history never rests, and it may yet prove kinder to the Lava legacy. Dr. Lava has written his memoirs, as yet untitled, but soon to be published by Anvil Publishing. If nothing else, it should help clarify his imprint on Philippine history.

"I'm proud to be a communist," says Dr. Jesus Lava. "I'm not ashamed of that tag. Ideologically, philosophically and practically, I'm still a communist although I'm no longer a member of the party."

Which party would that be? With the underground Left riven into more factions than Lava could ever have imagined, the Soviet Union gone and China seemingly on the capitalist road, to profess communism these days is to risk being called an anachronism, a quaint relic from a dimly-remembered past. But then, his critics have been calling him that for the last 30 years, so what else is new?

For Lava, the face of the enemy remains as plain as the light of day, and it is still the face of American imperialism, though it now goes by the more benign tag "globalization."

"The real root cause of poverty, not only in the Philippines but in other countries, is imperialism," he maintains. "The colonial powers are guilty of the worst kind of human rights violation. The basic human right of people to develop economically has

been frustrated by the US, by preventing us from developing industrially."

For Lava, the Battle of Seattle and similar international rallies against globalization merely portend a coming confrontation between the oppressed and the oppressors.

"The oppressed have no choice but to band together," he says. "The way I see globalization today, there is no way except for the transformation of economies from a profit motive to a socially-oriented motive. It may take 20, 30 or even 50 years, but it's inevitable."

If socialism is a faith as much as an ideology, then Dr. Lava has kept it.

"I don't know if it is original, but my position is that the aim of a socialist society and the aim of all religions will eventually converge," he says. "Both are based on humanity, love, cooperation. In a futurist sense, this will be the basis for a truly egalitarian society."

For all the hardships he has endured, Lava says he would do it all over again for the ideas he em-



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braced more than half a century ago.

"I regret the mistakes, but not the path I took," he says.

Jesus Lava was born on May 15, 1914, the youngest of nine children of Adeodato Lava and Maria Baltazar. The Lavas were a prominent *ilustrado* family in Bulacan, Bulacan, owning orchards planted to mangoes, santol, *lanzones* and pineapple. The elder Lava had aspired to higher education, but failed to achieve this for himself. Instead he became a teacher, and showered instruction on his children. His efforts, like his orchards, would bear profligate fruit.

All the Lava children—especially the sons—were expected to excel. The eldest, Vicente, earned a doctorate in chemistry from Columbia University and developed a revolutionary patent for extracting coconut oil from fresh coconuts. Francisco, a lawyer, attended the University of California at Berkeley. Horacio was the country's first Ph. D. in economics, from Stanford no less. The two youngest, Jose and Jesus, earned law and medical degrees, respectively, from the University of the Philippines.

The 1930s were a period of social unrest, peasant revolts, a growing labor movement, and increasing anxiety about Japanese expansionism in Asia. Just as *ilustrados* of the previous century were drawn to the independence movement, so were the Lavas to the political ferment of their time.

In his book "The Lavas: A Filipino Family," writer Jose Dalisay, Jr. sums it up thus:

"...They (the Lavas) gave the educated Filipino middle class ... another option besides the blind acceptance of things as they have always been. They redefined personal excellence, and infused the personal and the professional with the political imperative. They promoted the entry of the middle class into the mainstream of radical, mass-based politics, and reintroduced a whole new generation of Filipinos to the revolutionary ideals of 1896. To workers and peasants, they offered proof of and hope for solidarity in political action across and among social classes. For those they inspired—and despite their many errors, shortcomings, and imperfections—they helped to turn the ideal into the commonplace."

In the 1930s, Marxism attracted many Filipino nationalists. Vicente was the first to join the PKP, which had been founded in 1930. In the crucible of World War II, Jose and Jesus would follow and all three brothers would rise to the top echelons of the movement in due course.

The easygoing Jesus was, at the outset, considered least likely to succeed as a communist.

"Vicente was unsure that I could be a member of the party," recalls Lava. "He never encouraged me to join. He correctly perceived my general way of life as not conducive to the strict ways of party discipline. He thought I was a playboy and that I could not be serious."

Indeed, of the Lavas, Jesus seems to have had the keenest interest in the opposite sex. He was, as one grandnephew puts it, "pabing (a ladies' man)." The war changed all that. Lava was a resident physician at Mercy Hospital when the Japanese bombs fell on Manila. There he met and married Anita Mayang, a nurse from Kabankalan, Negros. Eventually, Lava found his way to the mountains of Central Luzon where the Hukbalahap—the People's Anti-Japanese Army—had set up a guerrilla base. In 1942, following the arrest of PKP founder Crisanto Evangelista, Vicente Lava became PKP general secretary. The same year, Jesus joined the party.

Eventually, he was captured by the Japanese and held for several months.

Luckily, a general amnesty was announced when the Laurel regime was established, and Jesus returned to the hills where, except for brief periods, he would live the ever-shifting life of an underground revolutionary until his capture in 1964.

"If you were to sum it up," reflects Lava today, "from the outbreak of the war until my release in 1974—33 years—I probably spent only six or seven months total with my wife. That's why I only have two children with her, and they practically grew up without seeing me."

Lava, however, also had two "mountain wives" with whom he had five other children. (The party allowed married comrades who had taken to the hills to have "mountain wives," as long as the "city wives" agreed.)

The end of the war only spelled a new phase in the struggle. With the Japanese gone, the Americans turned their attention on the communists as the next threat to US interests. Members of the Hukbalahap were disarmed, arrested and, in many instances, killed.

In 1946, Lava ran for and won a congressional seat as part of the Democratic Alliance (DA), but reactionary congressmen, keen to pass the Parity Amendment, systematically blocked the DA's representatives from voting. When a peasant leader was abducted and later turned up, minus his head, Lava took that as his cue to head for the hills.

Vicente Lava died of rheumatic heart disease in 1947 and Jose succeeded as secretary general. The Hukbalahap had become the Hukbong Mapagpalaya ng Bayan (HMB) and continued to grow in strength, controlling large areas in Central Luzon. Meanwhile, the Americans had infected their local counterparts with their rabid anti-communism, and made sure they kept the pressure up on the Reds. Point man in the anti-Huk campaign was Defense Secretary and soon-to-be President Ramon Magsaysay. In 1950, the government scored a major coup when it arrested more than a hundred communists, including six

members of the politburo, Jose among them. He would spend 20 years in prison.

As head of the party's second front, Jesus became general secretary in 1951. But by this time, the Huks were on the run. To make matters worse, a serious rift developed between Lava and Huk supremo Luis Taruc, who wanted to pursue a peace policy and legal struggle. Taruc eventually surrendered in 1954. Three years later, Lava gave up on the idea of protracted war from the countryside, and went down from the mountains into Manila to continue the struggle in the cities. For the next seven years, Lava lived a cat-and-mouse game with the police, moving from safehouse to safehouse until his capture in 1964.

Lava says he was not physically tortured during his 10 years in detention, but the isolation was torture enough.

"I developed clinical anxiety because of my isolation," he recalls. "Since I had no facilities, I had to find comfort and sanity in self-analysis. I became interested in the power of the mind to influence, to a greater or lesser extent, diseases of the body."

Together with Tony Araneta, a fellow detainee, he experimented with hypnosis and developed a keen interest in psychic healing, so much so that upon his release, he became research director for the Philippine Society for Psychic Healing, conducting experiments with Alex Orbito, Jun Labo and many other prominent psychic healers and writing two books on the subject.

Jose Lava went to his grave in 2000, a communist to the end. Jesus Lava is the last of a remarkable generation, and his story bears retelling, if only to shed light on a segment of our history that remains shrouded to this day. As for his place in it, Lava says he would like to be remembered as "a consistent fighter for Philippine independence, sovereignty, prosperity."

"Actually, those are motherhood statements," he laughs. "Make that a fighter for Filipino nationalism, which can only be based on historical truth." □

The Lava brothers with their father Adeodato, circa 1936: (L to R) Jesus, Jose, Adeodato, Pedro, Vicente and Francisco (Photo reprinted from "The Lavas: A Filipino Family" by Jose Dalisay, Anvil)



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FERNANDO AS MAN OF THE YEAR?

I wish to reiterate my nomination of MMMDA chair Bayani Fernando as Inquirer Man of the Year.

I say "reiterate" because it appears that what the Inquirer publishes are mostly the brickbats thrown at Mr. Fernando. Seldom do I read comments commending him for his strong political will.

Today I read the letter of Jovy Barangay ("Needing an Alternative," Letters, SIM, 22 September 2002), suggesting that an alternative place be given vendors before they are removed from the sidewalks, with Mr. Barangay claiming that these vendors are not criminals. When you break the law you become a criminal, and blocking pedestrians from sidewalks by placing your wares there makes you a criminal.

Why is it that when confiscated video karera machines are burned; when confis-

cated VCDs and CDs are run over by a steamroller, and when diseased pigs are burned, we do not read any comment denouncing such acts?

Finally, here comes a man who means business. A man who has balls. A man who has the best intentions of clearing Metro Manila of filth and obstructions. Let's give him a chance to do his work and support him all the way.

By the way, I am forming the MMP-CA, the Metro Manila Pedestrian Commuters Association. Until such is formed the last A stands for Ako (me).

More power to the SIM.
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AMUSING AND INSPIRING

I would like to commend your story featured on "Little Lives" ("GMA's Shadow," SIM, 20 October 2002). Just



Zero In: Private Art, Public Lives

A series of exhibition featuring "Hidalgo's Politics/Luna's Paris" at the Lopez Memorial Museum until Jan. 14, 2003; "Amorsolo's Brush with History" at the Ayala Museum until Jan. 28, 2003, and "Refiguring Modern Philippine Art" at the Ateneo Art Gallery until Nov. 15. In photo is Juan Luna's "Fantasia (aka Girl beside lamp)," 1890, oil on wood.

like the other sections in your paper, "First Person" and "Tales of the City," the story of Ms Joanna Rodriguez was amusing and truly inspiring. Now at least I know that working as a President's personal assistant is not that easy after all. Featuring one of the "small people" working for the President was a great idea. It is indeed refreshing to read stories about ordinary people and their colorful lives to get away from all those sad stories about violence and politics. Stories like these give us the opportunity to learn from the experiences and hard work of small folks. It's also good to know that Rodriguez is a *kababayan*, a fellow Ilonggo.

Can I expect more of these stories? There are a lot of them out there. Thank you very much and more power.

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So Long, Ikabod

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Healer of the Hinterlands



JOHNNY VILLENA

THE WINDY but quiet town of Uyugan in far-off Batanes was his mission field. It was also where general practitioner Edward Santos got his baptism of fire as a barrio doctor.

It turned out to be a great learning experience for the young doc fresh out of medical school. While most of his peers in the late '90s were hitting the books or making the rounds of hospitals for their specialization, Edward wanted to do "something different." Chalk it up to the social consciousness embedded in him during his college days, but this UP graduate wanted "to dedicate a few years of my time to public service." Although he had worked for a health maintenance organization and a hospital, Edward found himself pursuing his fondest dream when the Department of Health (DOH) launched a project to send off young physicians to distant provinces for a two-year medical stint.

The chosen municipalities had suffered the absence of doctors for years. As of press time, 337 doctors have been fielded to these underserved remote areas. Two hundred thirty-eight of them have finished the two-year program and 84 have been absorbed by their local government units.

Not long after submitting the required documents, Edward got a call from the DOH, informing him about his assignment to what is probably the country's most storm-prone region. Uyugan, the tiny Batanes town which would become his base, had a population of 1,200.

Seen from another perspective, this number was astronomical. Edward was only one of two doctors in the entire place. All the native-born physicians had retired, leaving only a handful of efficient but ill-trained nurses to handle the six patients confined in the town's 60-bed hospital. The facilities and equipment weren't exactly state-of-the-art, the supply of medicines low, and the nearest drugstore about an hour away. As Edward noted in his memoirs, "Not even a pair of alligator forceps was available." All he had, he wrote, was "my stethoscope, a few books, several clothes, and boundless idealism."

But that mixture of optimism and zeal was enough to carry him through his first few days in the hospital. On the day of his arrival, the townspeople brought in a casualty of a vehicular accident, his skull fractured, his nose bleeding. A couple of days later, a drunk security guard fell from the second floor of a building. Both patients did not survive their injuries.

A few days later, Edward, who as an intern used to shy away from assisting in appendectomy operations, was forced to operate on a seven-year-old girl with a ruptured appendix. "I didn't like surgical procedures," he says of the ordeal. "There was no anaesthetologist and I had no choice but to operate, along with my barrio doctor colleague who had done this kind of operation before. We used a sedative to make the patient sleep. She'd wake up occasionally, but fortunately, she didn't cry. Right in front of me was an Atlas of Surgical Procedure that I referred to during the whole operation." Despite the limitations in facilities, funding and personnel, says Edward, "We really had to do surgery on the spot, or the patient might die."

After his month in the hospital, the young doctor moved to the town health center. As its head, he was clinician, planner, educator, and administrator all rolled into one.

"I had to orient my staff of 12 barangay workers because they haven't had a doctor. First, I asked them about their usual medical cases, their SOPs, and protocol. We laid out plans and schedules and got organized."

It wasn't a picnic, but those two years were the most memorable and fulfilling in his life. Edward writes in his memoirs, "We made sure all of us in the team were adequately prepared and available anytime for any patient. We've had our share of consultations under trees, in waiting sheds, inside public utility jeeps, improvised tents, by the shore, and all other imaginable places. We would go around the community on foot, sometimes on bicycles. We have lost count of how many patients we have seen, how many TB cases we've diagnosed, how many dehydrated children we've rehydrated."

As a barrio doctor, he had to operate under trees, inside waiting sheds or by the shore. But after two years in Uyugan, Batanes, Edward Santos learned much more than he could have in the best hospitals

"We have likewise lost count of how many live chickens, fruit baskets, fresh fish, seafoods and vegetables people have brought to our clinic, most likely in appreciation of what we've done for them."

Even today, Edward's eyes would light up at every fond mention of the people whom he bonded with during those two years. He describes the Ivatans (the natives of Batanes) as among the nicest, warmest people he has ever met. "I didn't have to cook during my first day in Uyugan! They brought me groceries, food, even the *kalan* (earthenware stove). The local government took care of me. They were happy

when I came."

What impressed him most was the townspeople's honesty, the kind that one would be hard pressed to find in Manila. "It's very safe. You can leave your house open and nothing will get stolen. One store had no one minding it—you just get whatever you're buying and leave the money," he smiles at the memory.

"Everyone knows everyone. You just have to mention the surname to get directed to the right house. The people are very simple. They don't go for big houses so you don't know who's rich or poor. The kids are well taken care of, and there are no beggars

walking around. The mayors, cops, and office people farm and fish at the end of the day. Before they leave for their office in the morning, they've already visited their farms and taken their carabaos and cows to the fields," says Edward.

This kind of pastoral serenity, however, has one drawback for a city slicker with malling habits and late bedtime hours. "I was bored during my first few months. By 6 p.m., the streets were empty and people were inside their homes. There was no radio or TV."

To Edward's relief, things eventually improved. When cable TV came to Uyugan with four channels to choose from, the young medic gorged on GMA-7's telenovelas. Just before he left after his two-year assignment, the town, which has no malls or markets to speak of, was preparing for its first karaoke bar and restaurant.

But Edward's legacy might be more lasting. "We managed to equip Uyugan's barangay health center with much needed medical equipment like nebulizers, portable blood pressure apparatus and glucometers which were very helpful in the delivery of basic health services. More importantly, we made sure that there are people in the area who know how to handle these tools and respond to whatever emergency may arise."

Edward remains active in the Doctor to the Barrios Training Program. Recently, he helped in the launch of the program's Training Learning Center, which was established by the DOH and the pharmaceutical company Pfizer to keep "us doctors in the field abreast with the latest in technology and in the field of medicine."

Looking back on the past two years, Edward says he realizes how much he has grown. "I am no longer just a doctor. I have become a community organizer, an educator, a manager, a braver son, and a better friend. I also believe that I have become an agent of change." Not bad for someone who undertook and won in what he calls The Barrio Challenge.



All in one: Santos was barrio doctor, educator, manager and community organizer

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People for the Planet

By Pennie Azarcon-dela Cruz

WORLDS apart when they were growing up, Maria Victoria G. Dizon and Humbelina Castro only recently discovered that they shared a common vision of saving this planet. Or at least its rivers, lakes and watersheds in this part of the Pacific.

Marivi Dizon grew up in the lap of luxury, having lived and studied in Europe when her father was senior aide de camp to President Diosdado Macapagal and later, military attaché to the Philippine embassy in Rome in the '60s. Meanwhile, Humbelina Castro had to work her way through college. Named after a saint whose feast day she shares, Lin recalls working as book-keeper/accounting clerk for a drugstore while doubling as receptionist-secretary for a medical clinic.

"When I went to college, my father, a mechanic, found work doing air conditioning, refrigeration, and power plant maintenance, first in Vietnam and later in Iran," she recounts. But, she adds proudly, though her father was only an elementary and vocational school graduate, "his last position was Power Engineer Consultant."

Those were lean times and Lin, the eldest of seven girls and three boys, barely scraped by. Holding down two jobs had its rewards, though, she says. "I met famous and beautiful people who were patients in the medical clinic, like Rufino Cardinal Santos and Sen. Jose Diokno."

Still, tending the drugstore and washing bottles for prescription medicine while her classmates went off to enjoy the holidays were enough of a downer, Lin recounts. "After work, I'd go back to our quarters above the drugstore to find nothing but cold rice and soy sauce for dinner because the other workers had finished up the food." All that work, with only Sundays off, netted her just enough to pay her tuition for two semesters.

In contrast, Marivi remembers growing up in their ancestral home in San Juan. "My mom was a gentlewoman who loved nature and animals," says this Marymount graduate. "We had 12 dogs, 14 cats, several turkeys, and so on. For our weekend picnics in the countryside, we had our pet Doberman in tow. In grade school, the nuns encouraged us to get involved in sports, so I was in several teams—volleyball, tennis, skiing, trekking." The family's return to Manila, however, pulled her back to earth.

"I was appalled at the state of affairs in the country and the harsh realities of poverty when we got back in the early '80s," says Marivi. Forthwith, she got involved with several NGOs opposing the Marcos rule, among them Womb, Gabriela, Women's Crisis Center and Lila Pilipina, and found herself wading into such issues as domestic violence, compensation for comfort women and legislative advocacy on the anti-rape bill.

"Being with these NGOs gave me the opportunity to visit local town folk across the country, speak with them and feel their pulse," she says of her political activist days. "I learned basic organizing skills, how to dialogue with the community, how to listen and read between the lines, how to draw out people's frustrations and come up with solutions."

Some 20 years later, Marivi would find such organizing skills handy. But first, she became an accidental entrepreneur who found herself in the fishpond business. She recounts, "A friend had a property that she wanted to develop so we became partners and converted idle rice fields into fishponds filled with tilapia. It gave our tenants extra livelihood."

It was hard work, recalls the young tilapia pond owner. "The experience was exhausting, tedious, unnerving and frustrating, especially during the first year. I had to supervise everything, from building the hut for the caretaker, buying materials for the fish cage, canvassing for fingerlings, going to fish culture seminars, feeding the fish and talking to it, filtering, harvesting, marketing, and so on."

"Having been born with a silver spoon in my mouth, I am quite amazed that I lasted this long in this type of business. It must be the free air, lake and mountains around Lake Mahipon that keep me energized and alive!" declares Marivi.

It was at Lake Mahipon in Caliraya, Laguna, where the two women met through mutual friends. Recalls Lin, "Marivi asked me to help her get some earth as backfiller for the eroded banks of her island-fishpond in Lumot Lake. She was very concerned about the tree-cutting going on so I got her involved in some activities related to World Environment Month."

It wasn't difficult to rouse Marivi's activist side and shortly after, the two women found themselves being drafted as directors of the Caliraya-Lumot Lake Conservation Society (CLLCS), a group that recently got together to save the Caliraya-Lumot Lake watershed.

The watershed, which provides surface water for Laguna Lake that in turn is the source of drinking water for parts of Metro Manila, including Ayala Alabang, is in mortal danger from "destructive and unsustainable use," says Lin. People from the area use it as a source of timber, firewood and charcoal, as well as materials for making artificial trees, flower arrangements, woodcarving, furniture and handicrafts. *Kainin* farming, where land is burnt to clear it for planting, also causes forest denudation and subsequent erosion, Lin adds. The result is a thinning forest cover that has meant the loss of wildlife species and habitat as well as of biodiversity, notes this BS Chemical Engineering graduate of the University of Sto. Tomas, who also holds a master's degree in Environmental Health Sciences from Harvard University.

With Laguna developing at a fast clip, migrants have crowded into the area, as well. "Illegal dwellers have started encroaching into the watershed, real estate developers have built golf courses and resorts without environmental safeguards, and domestic pollution has increased from the lack of toilet and laundry facilities. Then there's the use of fertilizers, pesticides and unsound aquaculture practices," cites Lin.

As always, she adds, the main problem is economic. "People say they will go hungry if they don't cut trees or till *kainin* farms in the watershed. On the other hand, if they knew that their action could cause floods that damage property and lead to loss of lives, they'd find alternative sources of livelihood."

She has a personal stake in the issue as well, admits Lin, who is community relations official of the Caliraya-Botocan-Kalayaan (CBK) Complex. CBK has a build, rehabilitate, operate and transfer contract with National Power Corporation to build power plants and rehabilitate existing ones. "The life of hydropower plants depend as much on the reservoir as on the

Ladies of the Lake



Nuclear engineer Lin Castro and political activist Marivi Dizon get their feet wet as they plunge headlong into a campaign to save the Lake Lumot-Caliraya watershed.

Power of two: Castro and Dizon at Caliraya

integrity of their electro-mechanical components, so we're very much concerned about the sustainability of the Caliraya-Lumot Lakes and their watershed."

Lin sees no conflict between her corporate role in big business and that of an environment activist. "To be profitable and sustainable, any business or company has to be both safe and environmentally responsible," she says. "If it is not both, it could face closure due to violation of regulations or losses from damages or liability suits. Customers in this day and age also demand that their suppliers of products and services be environment-friendly."

Armed with the same idea, business leaders in the community as well as concerned scientists formed the CLLCS early

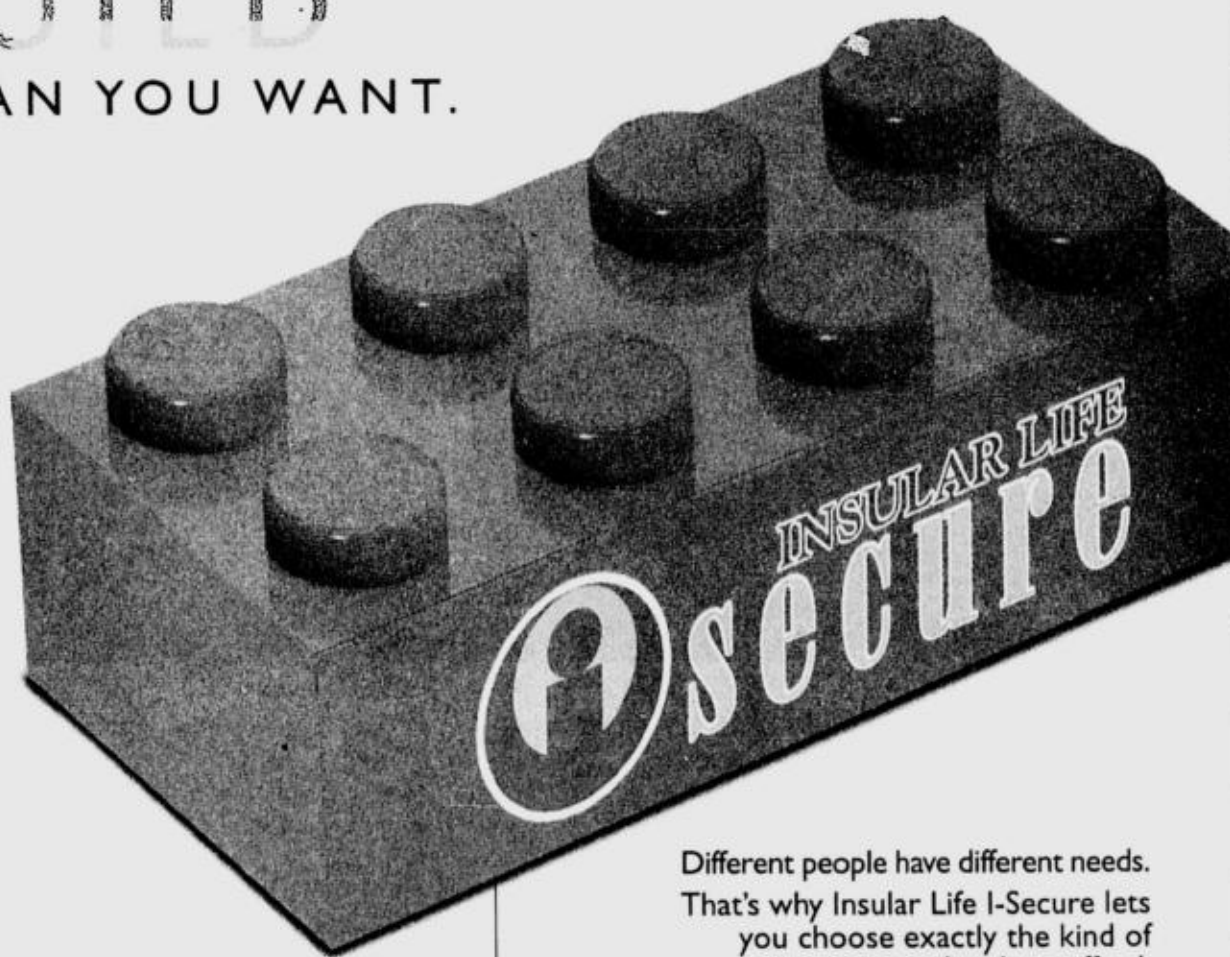
this year and mounted a "Save the Watershed" campaign that kicked off with a lake-side concert. "Huni ng Gubat" featured the music of Joey Ayala, Grace Nono and the Makiling Ensemble and easily drew in the community, a crucial factor in saving the lake, says Marivi. Already, the committee has drawn up a plan to involve rest house owners, real estate developers, fishpond owners and fisher folk in the campaign. Among their plans are seminars on segregating and composting, the clean-up of the islands in the lake, the planting of trees to prevent soil erosion, and eco-tourism that's focused on nature-trekking, non-motorized water sports activities, art exhibits and tours around the lake.

Of particular concern to Lin is providing

alternative livelihood to the community. "It would be impracticable to stop people from cutting trees for fuel or charcoal without giving them other sources of income. It would be ideal if at least one member of every household would be hired for the reforestation work as tree planters, nursery tenders, caretakers, forest guards, eco-tour guides, and so on."

While the CLLCS and the Caliraya community get their act together, Lin sees a role as well for people living outside the area. "They can visit the Lumot-Caliraya area to relax and enjoy its products and crafts. That way they contribute to the local economy. Of course, they might want to plant trees while they're here to help the watershed recover. After all, we're one big community. We're all in this together."

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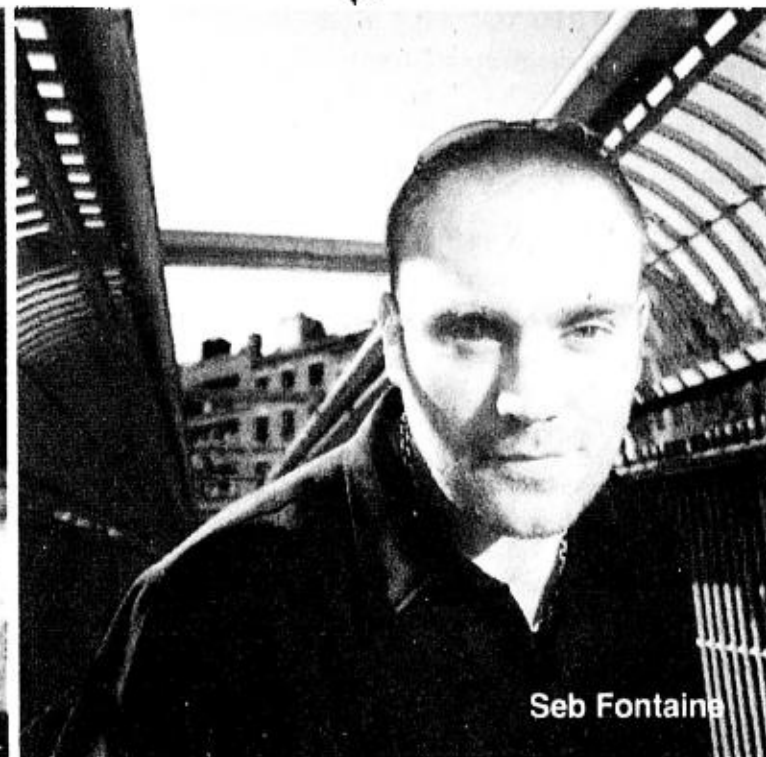
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Seb Fontaine

Seb Fontaine : Crème de la Cream

Can you feel it now? It's just around the corner, sooner than you think as a matter of fact. Welcome to the homestretch as SMART together with BigFish serve up their latest offering. CREAM, global clubbing's holiest of holys opens up on Manila this Halloween, October 31 at the NBC Tent. There will be a thunderous rain of beats and vibes that will inspire the living and raise the dead.

You can just forget the nagging rumours that this show isn't pushing through. Cream DEFINITELY will be here this Halloween, a gutsy event that will fly and groove in the face of recent events and other concerts/ shows that were tragically cancelled. No need to fret, Manila. Cream will be here, live and kicking!

It's been three long memorable years in the making for BigFish, bringing Seb Fontaine here to Manila. TC of BigFish and Anton Ramos back up Seb on this historic night. Now, with SMART's visionary backing, as well as critical support from MTV, we can now count ourselves among the lucky ones able to experience Seb Fontaine, DJ phenom and musical purist. It's been a circuitous journey for Seb himself over the years, peppered with quirky highlights and milestones.

As the British rave scene exploded toward the end of the 80s, Seb was at all the clubs, but tucked away in the back rooms, still playing rap. His epiphany? "Walking into the main room one day and hearing A Guy Called Gerald's 'Voodoo Ray' and thinking, 'What the hell is this record? It's unbelievable.'" He also noted the difference in audience. "UK hip-hop went through a moody stage at one point. You'd be DJing and instead of people dancing it would be crews of guys hugging the walls. And I would just spend more and more time in the house room where there'd be girls dancing on the speakers and semi-naked people swinging from the chandeliers. And I was thinking 'This is where I want to be, I want to be here.'" Given how many DJs were undergoing a similar conversion, Seb's progress into the house rooms was gradual: gigs at Subterania with Jeremy Healey and Norman Jay, a residency

at The Cross, guest slots where he could get them. And finally, alongside DJing and promoting partner Craig Richards, his own Saturday night at the Hanover Grand in central London under the club name Malibu Stacey.

When Paul Oakenfold abdicated his spot at rival night Cream up in Liverpool, Fontaine's name was put forward as replacement. The offer was too good to turn down, and Seb became the first DJ to claim both 'super clubs' as home turf. Not surprisingly, other opportunities quickly sprung forth. Seb took a radio gig on Britain's dance station Kiss FM, began playing Ibiza, burned up and down the British motorways on weekend nights, and moved into mix CDs. He's done a couple of best-sellers for Cream, but came into his own with the 'Prototype' series released by Global Underground, which gave him his own 'resident' CD status rather than 'guesting' for other brands. Over four increasingly popular 'Prototype' releases, Seb built a global audience by balancing the appealingly commercial vocal with the resolutely underground instrumental.

Circumstances allowed Seb to reposition himself. Radio 1 hired him away from Kiss, initially to fill in for other DJs and for road trips, and then for a prestigious Saturday night slot from 7 pm-9 pm. (The show attracts almost a million UK listeners, is syndicated in five countries, and is available all week on the Radio 1 web site.)

Now here's your chance to be a part of the undefeated, undisputed, heavyweight dance event of the year, Cream Live in Manila! It's the Cream Annual Halloween Ball bash happening on October 31, 2002, at the NBC Tent at the Bonifacio Global City.

Want in? For SMART subscribers, it will be a breeze through the gates. First of all, existing SMART subscribers get P100 off Cream Tickets when they buy at either Tower Records or Music One. Then, on the night itself, all they have to do is present their SMART cellphone and Cream Tickets and

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For those who switch to SMART Gold Select 1995, Gold Premium 2665 or Gold Elite 3500 from October 26 to 30 at the SMART Tower, or at the Greenbelt and Virra Mall Wireless Centers, these lucky switchers get a pair of Cream Tickets and a FREE top-of-the-line handset.

On the night itself, get FREE Cream Tickets plus a FREE Nokia 7210, 8850(Gold), or 8855, Samsung T100 or Ericsson T68i when you switch to SMART Gold Choice 1335 or Gold Select 1995. SMART Gold Premium 2665 or Gold Elite 3500 signups get their Cream Tickets plus FREE Nokia 7650, 8910, or 9210i Communicators.

Can't wait? Play the SMART Halloween Trivia Game from October 16-31, 2002. Every correct answer gives you one (1) raffle entry. To join, key in: CREAM and send to 489. Top 500 scorers of the day get a chance to win Cream Tickets and Cream CD's. Top 300 for the week get a chance to win a Nokia 3510. All players get a crack at a brand new Nokia 7650. All winners will be notified via a phone call on their registered SMART GSM number.

Come on over to the Cream Annual Halloween Ball armed with the latest Cream Logos. To download, Key in: LOGO<keyword> and send to 233. For a list of Cream Logos, Key in: CREAM.LOGO and send to 489.



Art

Lost and Found Objects, a solo exhibit by Pete Jimenez until Oct. 29 at the West Gallery in SM Megamall.

Ugnayan '80, an art group composed of UST Fine Arts graduates, celebrates its 22nd alumni anniversary with an exhibit showcasing different collection at The Big & Small Art Co., 4/F, SM Megamall A until Oct. 30.

Amusing Muse: Notes on Inspiration, a group exhibit featuring the works of Jonathan Olazo, Jo Borja, Jes Evangelista, Jemina Reyes, Jucar Raquero, Aba Lluch Dalena, Miko Sandejas and JJ Purugganan at the Vargas Museum, UP Diliman until Oct. 31.

Letras y Figuras, an exhibit composed of three modules: original 19th century works from private and institutional collectors, the works of the seven finalists of the 7th Letras y Figuras Art Competition, and contemporary Letras y Figuras paintings by Alvaro Jimenez, until Oct. 31 at the Metropolitan Museum, Central Bank Complex, Roxas Boulevard, Manila.

Anna Mari Goy holds a solo exhibit of landscapes and flowers in oil at Finale Art Gallery, SM Megamall until Nov. 2.

Recollection, an exhibit of selected artworks from the CCP Visual Arts Collection, until Nov. 3 at the Cultural Center of the Philippines' Bulwagang Juan Luna.

Arts Croisés, sculptures by Impy Pilapil and paintings by Edmund Bendijo at Alliance Francaise de Manille, Totalfinael Gallery, 209 Nicanor Garcia St., Bel-Air II, Makati until Nov. 8.

Images of Tantric Dance, a joint exhibit by Yasmin Almonte and Dave Lantz until Nov. 12 at Hiraya Gallery, 530 UN Avenue, Ermita, Manila.

WIRed/3: Fiesta, mixed media artworks by Women In Residence—a group of expatriate artists living in Manila—featuring paintings, photography, textiles, silk fusion and quilts, until Nov. 15 at the National Commission for Culture and the Arts Gallery, 633 General Luna St., Intramuros, Manila.

Music

Asin, The Jerks and sessiOnroad will lead other bands and musicians in *Konsiyertong Ka-tribo*, a concert in celebration of the Indigenous Peoples' Month, Oct. 28, 7 p.m. at the Amoranto Multi-Purpose Center, Rocas Avenue, QC. Tickets at P100 entitles one to a raffle ticket. For details, call 436-0992 or 411-6060.

Cinema

The Cultural Center of the Philippines and the Embassy of the Czech Republic present two films by Oscar winner director Jan Svěrák on the occasion of the National Day of Czech Republic: *Dark Blue World*, Oct. 30, 8 p.m. and *Kolya*, Oct. 31, 6 p.m. at the CCP Little Theater. Admission is free.

Anna Mari Goy's "Fragrant Shade" at Finale Art Gallery

Food

Enjoy the bounty of game meat like wild boar, hind, hare, pheasant and wild duck for the *Flavors of the Wild* food festival at the Prince Albert Rotisserie of the InterContinental Manila until Oct. 31. For details, call 815-9711 loc. 261.

Raphael Café-Restaurant of the Manila Galleria Suites in Ortigas Center presents a buffet spread of international dishes available daily for lunch and dinner. For reservations, call 633-7111 ext. 7416.

Edsa Shangri-La's Garden Café features an extensive lunch and dinner buffet of Aussie food with *Cuisine Down Under* food festival until Oct. 31 while the Lobby Lounge offers Australian snacks and desserts and a buffet of the finest Australian wines. For inquiries, call 633-8888 ext. 2738.

Atbp

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Improv Night, a show of comedic/dramatic improvisations, sketches, scenes, songs every Monday night from 7:15-8:30 p.m. at the Philippine Playhouse studio, 1269 Batangas St., 2/F, Makati, near Buendia and South Super Highway. Admission is free. For group reservations, call 879-8230. Acting, stage voice and diction classes for adults, teens and children are ongoing to be facilitated by Ana Valdes-Lim.

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The Ink & Stone Bookshop, located at the G/F of The Podium, ADB Avenue, Ortigas Center will be holding the following arts and crafts activities: *Bead-making Classes* (Nov. 9, 12:30-2 p.m.), and *Flower Sculpture Making* (Nov. 9, 2:30-8:30 p.m.). For inquiries, call 637-8221.

The 9th Philippine Gifts, Toys, Christmas Decors and Housewares Shopping Mart is ongoing at the Greenhills Shopping Complex Centermall until Nov. 3. The trade fair and exhibit offer ideal gifts for Christmas.

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Island Cove Resort and Leisure Park in Binakayan, Kavit, Cavite will host the *Island Halloween Trick or Treat* on Oct. 31 at 4 p.m. at the Hotel at Island Cove Lobby/Marimar. It is open to all kids, 15 years old and below featuring games, storytelling, plus special prizes for participants with unique Halloween costumes. For details, call (02) 810-3740 or (046) 434-0210.

Monsters Ball Halloween Costume Party features DJ Houseboy of Verve Room and Flow 44 with Caliph8, fortune telling, magic show, flavored vodka tasting and Jello shots all night for those in great costumes. There will be a P100 entrance fee (consummable) for those not in costume. Gates open at 6 p.m. on Oct. 31 at Salud! Bistro, Lourdes Grotto, Baguio City. For details, call 0917-8154055 or (074) 4462637.

Upcoming bands outperform each other in the *Hal-low'Inn Battle of the Bands*, an all-night concert on Oct. 31, 9 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Resort Clark Field, Pampanga. Tickets available at P100. For reservations, call (02) 845-1888 or (045) 599-8000 ext. 8-1329.

Balay Taliabong, the soon-to-rise art center in Negros, launches the nationwide logo design contest. The logo must include the words: Balay Taliabong: The Cojuangco Museum and Art Center, Barangay Candaguit, San Enrique, Negros Occidental. The participant must use a pseudonym in his entry. On another sheet of paper, his real name, address and contact number must be submitted together with the entry inside a sealed envelope with the pseudonym written outside the envelope. Deadline for submission is Nov. 15. For details, call Manila office at (02) 951-4676 or the Negros Occidental office at (034) 460-2510.

The Artist Abroad

By Luis H. Francia



The Real Peacemaker

The choice of former US president Jimmy Carter for the Nobel Peace Prize is clearly a well-deserved rebuke of President Bush and his foreign policy

NEW YORK—The awarding of this year's Nobel Peace Prize to 78-year-old former US president Jimmy Carter is a belated but well-deserved honor, and makes up partly (though not fully—nothing could, ever) for the bestowal of the prize on Henry Kissinger. This guy has every reason to fear stepping across US borders and into the very real possibility of being subpoenaed by foreign courts of law. The Nobel committee based its decision on Carter's "decades of untiring effort to find peaceful solutions to international conflicts," such as brokering a peace deal between Israel's Menachem Begin and Egypt's Anwar Sadat in 1978, his participation in attempts to peacefully end violent conflicts in several continents, and his advocacy of human rights since the end of his presidency in 1981.

The choice of Carter is clearly a well-deserved rebuke of President Bush and his foreign policy, coming at a time when he seems bent on waging war on Iraq that will further destabilize an already painfully troubled Middle East and lead to a much broader and even more devastating conflict.

The man in the White House (one of this year's nominees, his nominators gripped most likely by a malicious sense of irony) has no Middle East policy to speak of. He portrays his government as even-handed yet refuses to meet Arafat even as he praises Sharon as "a man of peace"—the same Sharon who in 1982 was indirectly responsible for the massacre of Palestinians in the Sabra and Shatila refugee camps in Lebanon, who has ignored for the most part the illegal construction of settlements on Palestinian lands, and who's made no secret of his desire to kill Arafat. If Sharon is a devotee of peace, then Saddam Hussein is Gandhi's reincarnation.

What a contrast between Carter and Bush! The man of peace and the man of war (in more ways than one, an apt description of the latter). The septuagenarian flies off to Cuba and engages Castro in dialogue, seeking to curtail the 45-year US embargo, while the Yalie and oil man treks to Miami and panders to the small but still powerful (for reasons that elude me) right-wing Cuban American lobby.

Carter consistently speaks of the need for international cooperation, of multilateralism, and stresses diplomacy. Indeed, the Nobel citation states that "in a situation currently marked by threats of the use of power," the former president advocates "mediation and international cooperation based on international law, respect for human rights, and economic development." He's traveled on peace-keeping missions and as an observer of elections held in troubled nations. (His own country could have used him in the 2000 presidential elections, where the core principle of democracy—one person, one vote—was nullified.) To Bush and his cronies (except, perhaps, for Colin Powell, an ineffectual voice in the wilderness), the whole notion of multilateralism, of abiding by international law,



Carter: "Right is 'might'"

is at best a necessary evil, at worst a hindrance on the way to worldwide hegemony. By opting out of the Kyoto agreement on global warming, by refusing to accept an international court of law, and above all by crafting a policy of preemptive strikes against any nation that might challenge the US's global supremacy, Bush has made it clear that there's no role he relishes more than that of the Lone Ranger, a masked white man and vigilante who would have gotten nowhere without his savvy Tonto. And Bush is clearly surrounded by experienced Tontos.

As a president, Carter wasn't perfect—he did support the Marcos regime, albeit with a closer scrutiny of the dictator's human rights record, something that Reagan, Carter's successor, ignored. Who can forget Bush the First (then Reagan's vice-president) toasting in 1981 the Marcoses' adherence to democratic principles? At the risk of oversimplification I'd say that Carter and Bush represent the two faces of American foreign policy: one willing to engage other states in dialogue and to build bridges, and the other, for all the talk of working together with allies in the war against terrorism, infected with a superiority complex. For one, right is might but for the other, might is right. Why bother with a coherent foreign policy when it has the Pentagon? And, not coincidentally, why draw up a sane energy policy when

Iraq has some of the world's biggest oil reserves? And for anyone who thinks the rabid desire to level Baghdad to the ground has nothing to do with energy, I have a bridge for sale, real cheap. Given the sad and seemingly inevitable tradition of Philippine presidents dutifully following the lead of the White House, perhaps a variation is in order. President Arroyo, who's no slouch in adhering to this time-honored practice, might consider replacing the oilman with the peanut farmer and human-rights advocate as the model for her decisions. What does she have to show for echoing Bush except by unwittingly allowing every domestic criminal group the grandiose claim to being a terrorist outfit and a threat to the world order? She'll find that she can still trot submissively behind an *Amerikano* but one more likely to view people (especially people of color) as people rather than targets. But is Gloria woman enough to be gentler and wiser? That is the question. [Q]

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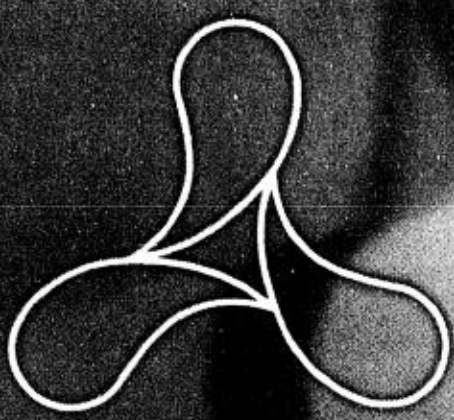
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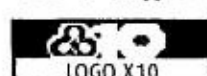
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